

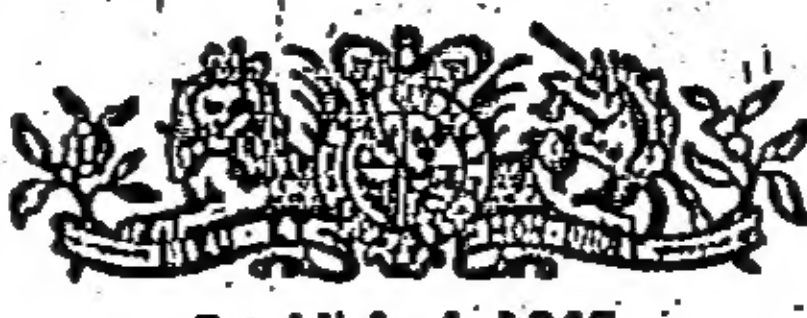
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New resolution?

THREE statements by Government officials in recent weeks make one wonder whether they are a forerunner of a New Year's resolution to strive for better relations with the public. In saying this it is not suggested these relations are at present notably bad but they could be a lot better.

The statements, made by Mr. Burgess on parking of cars, Mr. De Teng on hospital facilities and the Chinese Affairs Secretary, Mr. McDouall on the problems of making contact with the public, were remarkable for the way in which the spokesmen laid their cards on the table.

SUCH a frank statement as Dr. Teng made might have spared Mr. Mackenzie some of the criticism which fell on his department earlier this year following a criticism of the Chinese Affairs Secretary, Mr. McDouall on the problems of making contact with the public, were remarkable for the way in which the spokesmen laid their cards on the table.

Perhaps the most notable of the three statements, however, was Mr. McDouall's. It was a frank analysis of Government's attempts to make more effective contact with the people and the need of introducing a new innovation with special appeal to the older, conservative elements of the Chinese population this may serve some useful purpose.

AN even greater need, however, is for the various departments to appoint from their staff senior men and women whose full-time job is to find out the people's needs to listen, to investigate and to report public opinion to official plans. This is particularly important for a territory with no elected legislature and where departmental heads are the effective Government ministers.

For while MLCs and Executive Councilors can give good advice, and often do, they are no substitute for close personal contact with the people at all levels. And the success of these contacts will depend to a large extent on the ability of Government officials to get out and about as much as possible, to make their presence known, and to translate their first-hand observations into practical programmes for the benefit of the community.

Cities from Boston to Washington caught in big freeze SNOWSTORM GRIPS U.S. EAST

Worst autumn blow kills nearly 70

New York, Dec. 12.

The worst autumn snowstorm on record, a cruel, gale-driven blizzard, swept up the Eastern seaboard today.

One by one America's great cities from Washington to Boston were shrouded in freezing drifts, all but immobilized in the storm's brutal grip.

Up to 20 inches of snow hit some areas, and it was piled into mounting drifts by howling winds. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees F in New York to 38 degrees in Maine.

The death toll moved towards the 70 mark, for the period since late last week when one foot of the storm came out of the West to meet another disturbance moving up from the south.

Car accidents, weather-induced heart attacks, maritime mishaps and freezings accounted for the fatalities.

Cancelled

In New York, the United Nations cancelled its Assembly meeting. Opening of the New York Stock Exchange was delayed one hour for the first time in 20 years.

Commodity exchanges dealing in butter, cheese, eggs, cotton, wool and poultry, suspended operations for the day.

Business came to a virtual standstill in many cities less than two weeks before Christmas.

Highways were almost impassable throughout the coastal area. A trucking number of motorists were marooned on highways and in danger of freezing to death.

"We don't care about the cars, we just want to get the people out of them and get them to the warmth of houses and restaurants," said a spokesman dispatching rescue vehicles.

A baby girl was delivered to a New Jersey mother in the State Capitol in Trenton, after an ambulance bogged down. The building was deserted, except for mother, child, doctor and ambulance driver.

Airports closed and planes were kept on the ground. Trains faltered far behind schedule. Buses fought a losing battle against drifts, that closed in like quicksand behind snowdrifts. Subways ran behind schedule and some ran not at all.

Schools were closed and millions of pupils freed to frolic in the drifts. In New York City alone, 1.4 million students got a holiday.

Factories closed because their manpower was marooned at home.

In Washington, a man skied to work along normally-bustling Connecticut-avenue, with all the freedom of terrain he might have had on a remote mountain run.

Ships at sea reeled and waited in seas lashed by winds up to 77 mph — hurricane force. A 42-foot fishing boat went down off the Maryland coast with the loss of two lives. About 40 miles to the south, a freighter ran aground with 11 aboard but was not in immediate danger. A 36-foot Coast Guard vessel was stove in off Nantucket and sank while rescuing six men from a grounded fishing vessel. All hands swam ashore safely.

Eclipsed

In New York, the storm was the worst since Christmas week of 1947, when a record 25.8 inches of snow fell on December 26-27. The current storm's 17 to 20 inches in the metropolitan area eclipsed 1909's previous biggest storm — last March 4 when 14 inches fell.

The late autumn storm blew with winter still 10 days away. It put an abrupt, and savage end to a pleasant stretch of dry, temperate autumn weather. —AP.

Violence returns



Demonstrators defy the might of an armoured fighting vehicle in Algiers in a renewed outbreak of anti-De Gaulle disturbances. The tank was crushing barricades built by the demonstrators in the city's Michelstadt. The outbreak of disorders coincided with the arrival of French President Charles de Gaulle who landed near Oran to face further anti-Government riots. —AP Photo.

ALGIERS COMMANDER'S ORDER TO RESUME WORK OR FACE THE ARMY

Algiers, Dec. 12.

The French commander in Algiers tonight ordered Europeans and Moslems to resume normal life and work tomorrow after two days of bloodshed which has cost at least 90 lives here and in Oran.

Otherwise, General Adolf Venzel warned, the army would force them to do so. General de Gaulle, who flies back to Paris tomorrow after cutting short his Algerian tour, was reported "very upset" by the Algiers incidents.

Mr. Louis Terrence, Information Minister travelling with De Gaulle, said the President was determined to "draw the lessons" from what he had seen during his visit.

1,000 CLAIMED

United Nations, Dec. 12. The main Political Committee was told today that more than 1,000 Algerians had been killed "in the past 48 hours" according to latest information given to the Afro-Asian group. —Reuter.

A member of the President's staff in Paris said there was "no question" of putting off the national referendum on De Gaulle's Algerian home rule policy in January 6.

In Tunis, insurgent leader Forti Abbas condemned "French repression" and called on the United Nations in a telegram to take urgent measures to halt bloodshed in Algeria. —Reuter.

Windsor knot causes death

Wolverhampton, Dec. 12.

A 23-year-old coach driver died here at the weekend because he wore his tie in a double knot, it was reported today.

John Casey stumbled as he was getting out of his coach in a car park and the handbrake slipped between his tie and his neck. He was found dead hanging half out of his car.

An ambulance official said "Mr Casey's tie was tied with a double 'Windsor' knot, which does not slip easily. If it had been tied in the usual way it would probably have slipped and saved his life."

The double Windsor knot was popularised by the Duke of Windsor. —China Mail Special.

Taipei, Dec. 12. An outbreak of diphtheria was reported today by the health authorities in Taipei. They said eight cases, one of them fatal, occurred last week. —AP.

BIG PROBE INTO RECORD DRUG HAUL

Up to late this morning no arrest had been made in connection with the biggest seizure of narcotics by the Preventive Service and Police aboard the Bradeverett yesterday.

But investigations are continuing, said a Government spokesman in the morning.

Valued at more than \$1,400,000, the biggest haul consists of 331 lbs of morphine and 823 lbs of raw opium.

The drugs were not uncovered from "sealed compartments" on board the vessel as was erroneously stated in a morning paper today.

IN CAVITIES

The packets of morphine and tiny capsules were concealed in cavities inside teak planks which were shipped as cargo in the forward hold of the Bradeverett.

The Bradeverett sailed from Bangkok three days before and arrived in Hongkong at 10 am yesterday.

The moment she dropped anchor at Buoy B13, about 50 officers of the Preventive Service and the Narcotics Bureau of the Hongkong Police boarded her in three batches.

They guarded doors and entrances, restricted the movement of people on board and finally conducted a search among the cargo.

About noon, the search party began examining the huge quantity of teak planks almost

filling the whole of the forward hold. They had to use cranes to lift the planks out of the hatch in separate batches for inspection. Drugs concealed inside teak plank cavities were also found aboard the prominent several weeks ago when the vessel arrived from Bangkok.

Once again, the planks aboard the Bradeverett were consigned to some clandestine address where no responsible person could be traced.

Intensive manhunt for Girl Guide's killer

London, Dec. 12.

Police began an intensive hunt today for the killer of 12-year-old Girl Guide Brenda Nash, whose body was found at Kaler, Hampshire, yesterday 44 days after her disappearance.

Three schoolboys playing in the fern and bracken on the boggy local common discovered Brenda's partly-dis-

composed body, still in the Girl Guide uniform she wore when she disappeared. It lay in a wooded ditch on a stretch of woodland more than 20 miles from her home at Kaler, Hampshire.

Brenda's body was found near a nation-wide hunt since she failed to return from an evening Girl Guide meeting near her home in October.

Police have issued descriptions of a scar-faced man they wished to interview, and also of a car in which Brenda might have been given a lift. Brenda's body was found near a spot where another Girl Guide was recently kidnapped and raped, but later released. —China Mail Special.

BRITAIN URGED TO SUPPORT CHINA'S ENTRY INTO UN

London, Dec. 12.

Britain hopes to discuss the question of China's admission to the United Nations with the new United States administration "at an early stage," Mr Joseph Godber, the Foreign Under-Secretary, said tonight.

He was replying to a House of Commons debate on a Labour backbencher's motion seeking to ensure the British Government for "consistent failure to press for China's admission to the United Nations."

The motion, moved by Mr Desmond Donnelly, was defeated by 269 votes to 177—a Government majority of 82.

Though a private member's motion, it does in fact reiterate the Labour Party's officially expressed policy.

Control

Mr Godber said that generally speaking the British Government believed everyone in clear control of its territory should be admitted to the United Nations.

A serious right to be a member of the United Nations as the People's Republic of China was better in the United Nations, than out of it.

But he did not say that China, or any other country, had a prescriptive right to be a member. "I simply say that as a practical matter, we think she should be in," he added.

Mr Godber said the British Government hoped to discuss the China question with the new U.S. administration at an early stage "as we have done in friendly and workmanlike fashion with the present administration."

"I would like to feel it might also be possible to discuss it in a workmanlike and practical fashion with the Chinese Government, but we are faced with real barriers."

Made clear

Mr Godber said the Chinese authorities had repeatedly made it clear in public statements that their interest in getting into the United Nations was qualified by other and stronger motives.

The principal one was the banishment of the United States and the free world from the whole area of the Far East and the western Pacific.

She wanted the United States completely to withdraw from the Formosa area and leave that island to be dealt with by the Chinese Government.

The attitude of the Chinese Government was absolutely to refuse to negotiate a settlement in Formosa acceptable to both parties and to the Formosan people.

The United States attitude towards China had been unnecessarily inflexible, but let no one forget that China's attitude towards the United States had been even more inflexible.

He asked if it was any wonder that a nation which advocated war as "inevitable" should arouse a feeling other than lukewarmness from nations seeking peace.

It was by no means certain, he said, that if the issue came to a substantive vote a majority of the United Nations would favour China's admission.

Mr Godber said that Britain had a diplomatic mission in Peking and would be happy to raise this to ambassadorial level if there were reciprocal arrangements.

Might be glad

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's chief Foreign Affairs spokesman, said he believed that if the British Government made it plain in the next four months it was going to switch its vote on Chinese entry next year, he could "persuade the United States to start negotiations with us and all other member states on all these future problems such as Formosa."

"I believe the new American administration might well be glad to have its hands forced by British initiative of this nature," he added. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Test latest

Brisbane, Dec. 12. A real captain's innings of 60 not out by Frank Worrell helped the West Indians to reach 204 for four at tea on the fourth day of the first Test against Australia. —Reuter.

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AFRICAN LEADERS WALK OUT OF FEDERATION TALKS

London, Dec. 12. The "big three" African Nationalist leaders from Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, today walked out of the London constitutional conference on the future of the Central African Federation of the three territories.

A spokesman said they had left the conference "for good."

The three leaders—Dr. Hastings Banda of Nyasaland, Mr. Kenneth Kaunda of Northern Rhodesia and Mr. Joshua Nkomo of Southern Rhodesia—announced that they had decided to boycott further proceedings of the conference.

Mr. Kaunda said: "We have presented our case to the British Government and no more useful purpose is being served."

Stevenson praises new Secretary of State

Chicago, Dec. 12. Mr. Adlai Stevenson today issued a statement praising Mr. Dean Rusk, newly appointed Secretary of State in the coming Kennedy administration.

Mr. Stevenson, who has agreed to work under Mr. Rusk as chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, said:

No U.S. goods through Canada, Cuba affirms

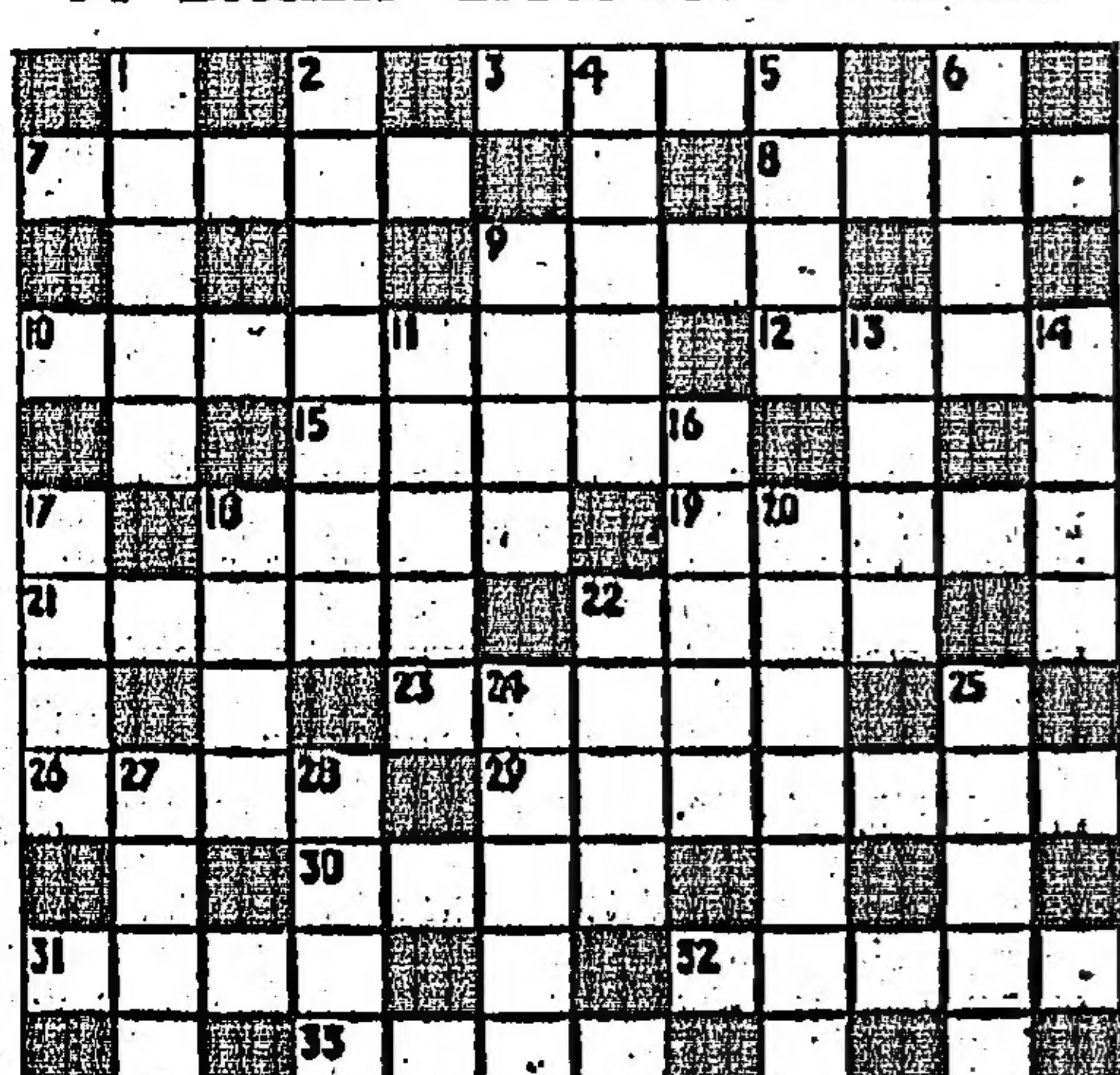
Ottawa, Dec. 12. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said today Canada has told Cuba it will not permit goods originating in the United States to skirt U.S. trade embargoes by being shipped out of Canada.

Mr. Diefenbaker also told the House of Commons that Canada has no intention of "exploiting" current U.S.-Cuban trade differences.

Mr. Diefenbaker, whose statement was prompted by the presence of a 10-man Cuban trade delegation, said Canada's policy was to treat the Cuban government like the Government of any other recognised country. He said this might lead to an easing in Cuba's relations with other countries.

The Cuban trade delegation has offered to buy up to \$150 million worth of Canadian goods next year.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Global division. (4)
- 7 Don't let it bite you! (6)
- 8 Watch a TV programme? (4)
- 9 Heavenly instrument. (4)
- 10 Servant in the Army? (7)
- 12 Only one liquorice variety? (4)
- 15 Grumbled when assessed it seems. (6)
- 18 Look here! (4)
- 19 Open to view. (3)
- 21 Call from India, mostly. (5)
- 22 Bridge section. (4)
- 23 Beat later, perhaps. (5)
- 24 A quadruped's fear. (4)
- 26 Starred again. (7)
- 30 Show sorrow. (4)
- 31 Non-flying bird. (4)
- 32 Facility, some quickly get. (5)
- 33 Signify. (4)

DOWN

- 1 Waterway. (6)
- 2 Quite a number. (7)
- 4 Fish plate! (6)
- 5 Geographical heights. (4)
- 6 Below standard. (5)
- 9 Abundance. (4)
- 11 Symbol of sharpness. (5)
- 13 Perform a ceremony. (4)
- 14 Did he play to the Gallery? (4)
- 16 They're easily deceived. (5)
- 17 Go and buy. (4)
- 18 Warm, radiance. (4)
- 20 Putting a price on. (7)
- 22 Dance movement. (4)
- 23 Scene of conflict. (5)
- 25 Coppers not in uniform. (5)
- 27 Having an affinity. (4)
- 28 You may be in it! (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Monday, 7 Lala, 10 Milan, 11 Leave, 12 Name, 13 Elderdowns, 16 Item, in Elec, 19 Cross-agent, 22 Tram, 24 Arose, 25 Oziris, 26 Dier, 27 Theats. Down: 2 Oiled, 3 Diner, 4 Yellow, 5 Planning, 6 Stern, 8 Avast, 12 Emmet, 13 Elec, 14 Evermore, 17 Spare, 18 Aspect, 20 Alone, 21 Evolve, 23 Rain.

W. Germany protests against French action off Algeria

Bonn, Dec. 12. West Germany today officially protested to the French government over the French Navy's reported boarding of West German vessels off the coast of Algeria.

The West German government spokesman told newsmen here that the West German Embassy in Paris had handed a protest note to the French Foreign Ministry earlier in the day.

He said the protest made mention of demands for damages to be presented at a later date by West German shipowners.

REGRETS

The French Foreign Ministry expressed regrets over the reported character of these incidents, the spokesman said. But, he added, in the French view "particular measures" were necessary to cover the Algerian coast.

"Diplomatic talks have been opened with a view to achieving French-German co-operation to suppress weapons smuggling to Algeria," he added.—AP.

Possible crash toll

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12. Police said today the death toll could rise to 20 in the two serious accidents which occurred in Argentina's Grand Prix stock car race ploughed into a crowd of spectators on Sunday.—AP.

TOO MUCH RAIN

Send protest to rocket launchers says author

London, Dec. 12. British author Sir Alan Herbert asked members of the Thames Conservancy today if they would consider issuing a protest "to the two nations who continually discharge unauthorised rockets into the upper air."

Lady Lawford takes a job

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Actor Peter Lawford's (Mike) mother today began work as clerk in a jewelry store for \$50 a week plus commissions.

Lady Lawford, mother-in-law of Pat Lawford, whose brother is President-elect John Kennedy, lives alone in a Westwood village house. Friends say her English pension amounts to \$52 a month and that she receives \$150 monthly from Peter, who also pays the rent on her home. She says she took the job to increase her income over the holidays.

Her employer, she says, has bracelets and things "for as much as \$4,000, and I get five per cent of all of my sales."

VERY BEASTLY

Lady Lawford says she never wants to go back to England. "The plumbing never works over there and the food is atrocious. It's all very beastly."

What does she think of Mr. Kennedy?

"Let's put it this way," she smiled sweetly. "If I had been an American citizen during the election I would have voted for Mr. Nixon."—AP.

Burmese troops said fighting Chinese guerrillas

Rangoon, Dec. 12. Rangoon's English language paper, the Nation, today published reports of fighting between Chinese Nationalist guerrillas and Burmese troops on the borders of Burma, Laos and China.

The paper, which did not give the source of its report, added that Burmese army units had established contact with the Chinese Nationalists near Mong-Khat on the Burmese side of the international border which has long been infiltrated by militant groups of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas.

The Nation said a number of Chinese had been killed in engagements with Burmese troops.—AP.

Testimony on rug in Thorne murder case

Sydney, Dec. 12. A Melbourne man told the coroner's court in Sydney today that a travelling rug, he said, gave to Mrs. Magda Bradley was "very like" the one in which the body of 8-year-old kidnapped schoolboy, Graeme Thorne, was found on August 16.

The man, Jacob Fogel, said he made the comment to the public defender, Mr. F. W. Vizzard, whether or not he could say that the rug was "very like the one you bought?"

Mr. Vizzard is appearing for Stephen Leslie Bradley, 34, a naturalised Australian born in Hungary, who is charged with having murdered Graeme Thorne, at Bondi, a seaside suburb, on or about July 7.

This is the fourth day of the inquest into the boy's death which opened on November 22 and was twice adjourned.

Graeme disappeared on July 7, after leaving his father's school, his father, Basil Thorne, 37, had won \$100,000 in a Sydney open-house lottery on June 1.

Continuing his cross examination about the rug, Mr. Vizzard asked: "That is the most you can say about it?"

Fogel replied: "Yes, that's correct."—China Mail Special.

Comedian Jimmy Durante to wed

New York, Dec. 12. Comedian Jimmy Durante and his girl friend for 15 years, Margaret Little, took out a marriage license today. They will be married on Wednesday.

The 67-year-old Durante, said they were being married to avoid a large crowd in California.



JIMMY DURANTE

The Rev. Thomas De Luca of Troy, New York, will perform the ceremony in St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church, known as the "Actor's Chapel."

TOUGH STRUGGLE

Miss Little, a 45-year-old actress, has never been married before. Durante has been a widower many years.

Durante was asked by newsmen what prompted him to turn to marriage after so many years of friendship with Miss Little. Before he could answer the red-haired bride-to-be broke in with a smile:

"I told him I would divorce him if he didn't. It was a tough struggle for 15 years."—AP.

PRO-LUMUMBA MEN ARREST TWO BRITONS

Leopoldville, Dec. 12. Two Britons working for the Unilever company have been arrested by Congolese gendarmerie loyal to Mr. Patrice Lumumba in the Orientale province, a company spokesman said today.

Chinese Reds want tension —Nehru

New Delhi, Dec. 12. Mr. Nehru, India's Prime Minister, was quoted tonight as saying the Chinese Communist government believed in keeping up tension as a means of making the Chinese people work harder.

Usually reliable sources said he made the comment to the ruling Congress Parliamentary Party's standing committee on external affairs while discussing the differences between the Soviet Union and China.

RUSSIA'S APPROACH

He told the committee that Russia's approach appeared to be that she was in a period of normalising her relations with other countries and needed peace for her own prosperity, the sources said.

The Soviet Union believed it could prove the superiority of the Socialist system without recourse to war.

Mr. Nehru was also reported to have described the situation in Laos as "very bad" and to have said the major factor was the supply of all types of weapons from other countries.—Reuters.

Pickles jar is crash clue

London, Dec. 12. A jar of pickles, found in the cab of a runaway eight-wheeled lorry, may have become wedged between the brake pedal and the floor, the Swansea coroner said today.

To avoid crashing into a public house or hitting playing children the driver, Thomas Arthur Jones, aged 47, of Forestfach, Swansea, ran the lorry up a bank and was killed. Verdict: Accidental death.—London Express Service.

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Soviet warning linked with Nato meeting

Washington, Dec. 12. The State Department today linked the Soviet Union's warning to Britain concerning Scottish-based United States nuclear submarines with the Nato Ministerial Council meeting which opens on Friday.

It said in a statement that it was a "familiar pattern for the Soviet leadership to step up the pace of its diatribes, threats and allegations just before a meeting of the North Atlantic Council."

FAMILIAR PATTERN

The statement was issued after Mr. Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, was asked to comment on a report from Time that the Soviet Union would, he struck, at the Holy Loch, Polaris submarine base if the vessels were involved in "dangerous incidents" away from it.

Mr. White said the statement was issued "within the long familiar pattern of Soviet policy to engage in threats against measures the United States and its allies jointly deem necessary for their security."—AP.

KING'S PRINCESS

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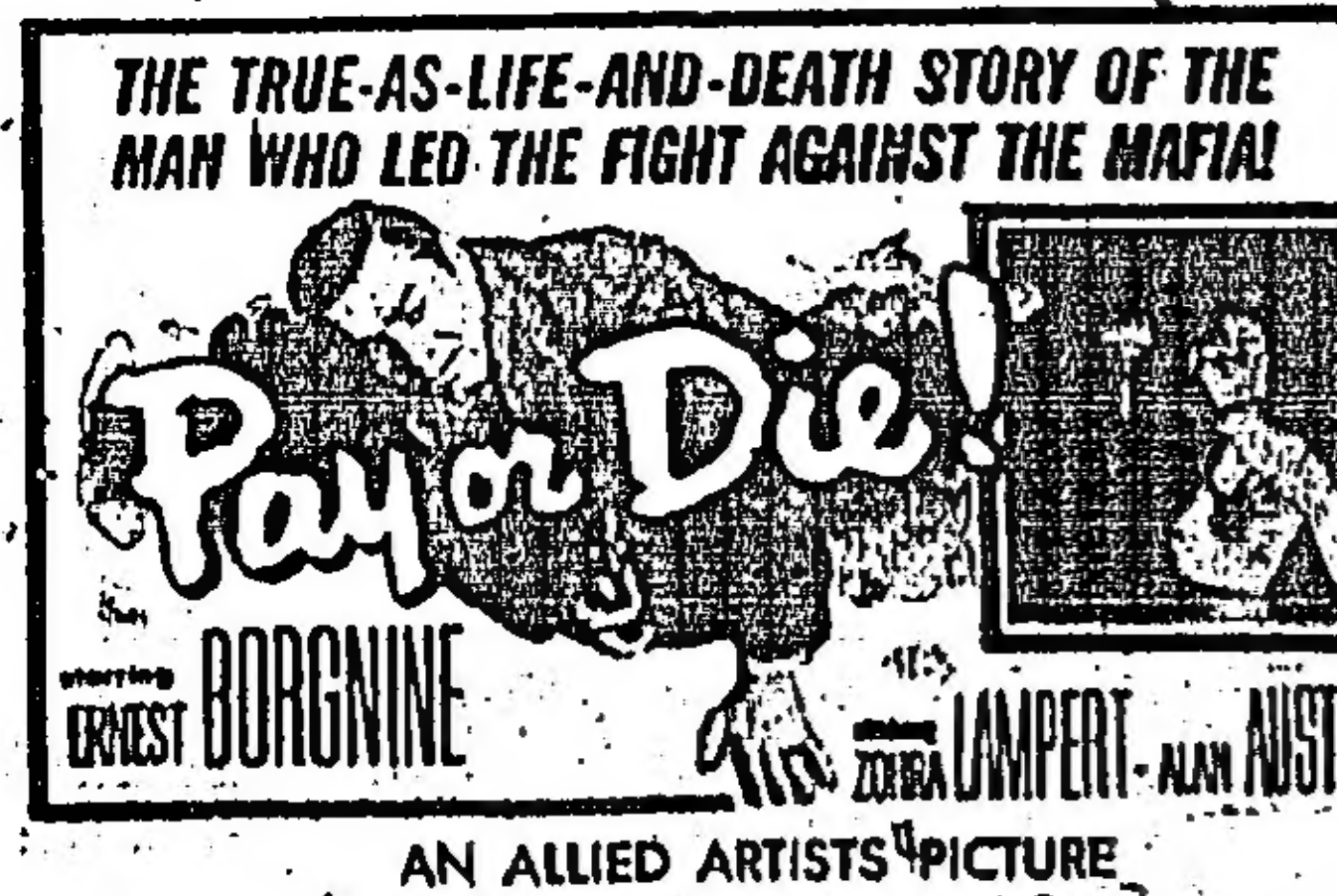
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**Palace guard's foot problem finally solved**

London, Dec. 12.

Sentries at Buckingham Palace stepped out confidently on two thin reddish-brown strips of a newly-evolved surface which the makers claim "should stand up to the fiercest footwork without chipping or wearing."

This may mean the end of an age-old Palace headache — finding a surface which will not break up under the pound of the guard's boots.

For years, the paving stones outside the Palace gates were crunched by guardsmen's boots. Then their smart "attentions" and "about turns" played havoc with the immaculate asphalt surface when they were moved inside the Palace railings to protect them from the attentions of tourists.

But on examination of the two 35-yard strips after numerous strapping guardsmen had pounded up and down, Mr. G. Ashworth, managing director of the firm which evolved the material, said: "It should stand up to the fiercest footwork without chipping or wearing."

Jets next

"It couldn't have had a more thorough pounding."

His firm had the "highest hopes" that it would "have a big future as a standing ground for jet aircraft."

He claimed the material, called Stouhard Polymer, could be laid more quickly than ordinary concrete, was not easily damaged by chemicals, did not crack in bad weather and came in a variety of colours.—China Mail Special.

A wreath of warning

London, Dec. 12.

A wreath placed of the cenotaph here by Dr. Hugh Schonfield bore the inscription "In memory of the millions who lost their lives in World War Three."

When asked why the words "World War Three" were used, Dr. Schonfield, who is president of the Commonwealth of World Citizens, replied: "Like the prophets of old, we are doing this to remind people of the perils ahead and the casualties which will result from another world conflict."

Dr. Schonfield said that similar ceremonies were taking place in 40 other countries throughout the world including Communist Poland and Bulgaria.

The wreath-laying was attended by ten people while traffic was held up by almost as many policemen.—China Mail Special.

Duke of Kent gets new posting

London, Dec. 12.

The Duke of Kent, cousin of the Queen, is to take up an appointment in the office of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff as a junior staff officer on February 13, the War Office announced today.

The 25-year-old Duke will leave regimental duty to take up the post. He has served with the Royal Scots Greys for five and a half years.

The Royal Scots Greys are at present serving at Münster, West Germany. The Duke holds the rank of captain.

The announcement said the Duke's task would be to assist in the office of the CIGS, and "in addition he may from time to time accompany the CIGS and members of his personal staff on official visits and tours both at home and overseas."

The present CIGS is Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing.—China Mail Special.

Chickens get tattooed

Norwich, Dec. 12.

Thousands of chickens in East England are being tattooed in an attempt to beat "Christmas" poultry thieves, it was reported today.

A local official of the national farmers union said each farmer had been given his own registered brand and it was "only a second's work" to punch the mark under the wing of a bird.

Police inspecting birds at poultry dealers throughout the country will be able to trace the birds back to their farm of origin.—China Mail Special.

Father Christmas sells radios

London, Dec. 12.

Father Christmas began a new job here and in other leading British cities today advertising a well-known make of radio set.

From now until Christmas Eve, 170 "white bearded, red-cloaked" Father Christmases will patrol the cities, carrying megaphone boards suggesting the most suitable Christmas gift is a portable or car radio.—China Mail Special.

STOLE \$3,000 WORTH OF PLASTIC BEADS

Two unemployed men were each given a nine months prison term by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Magistrate's court this morning when they pleaded guilty to stealing \$3,000 worth of plastic beads, the property of Oriental Plastics Factory.

They were Mak Koo, 20, of Hut No 217 Tsing Shui Ma Tau Village, Shaokwan, and Loo Moon-kueng, 23, living at Hut No 40, O Pul Loong Village, Shaokwan.

Sub-Inspector Y. C. Lam, prosecuting, said that the two defendants were seen about 5.15 pm yesterday unloading bags containing plastic beads from a handcart in Church Street, Shaokwan, by two police constables.

The two defendants were questioned and later arrested when they admitted the offence under caution.

Mak had five previous convictions including one of a similar nature and Loo, three previous convictions with one similar offence, the inspector added.

HABITUAL CHICKEN SNATCHER IN 'COOP'

An Fuk, 66-year-old unemployed man, who was described by the police as a habitual chicken snatcher, was sentenced to three months' jail by Mr. I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning for stealing a hen.

Sub-Inspector M. H. Dorman, prosecuting, said that on November 11, two detectives saw him holding a chicken in Angley Street near Fa Yeh Street.

He admitted stealing it.

Defendant had four similar convictions.

Mr. Donnell said "It seems to me you have made a habit of stealing chickens. I'll have to sentence you to prison to protect other people's property."

Wins car in raffle

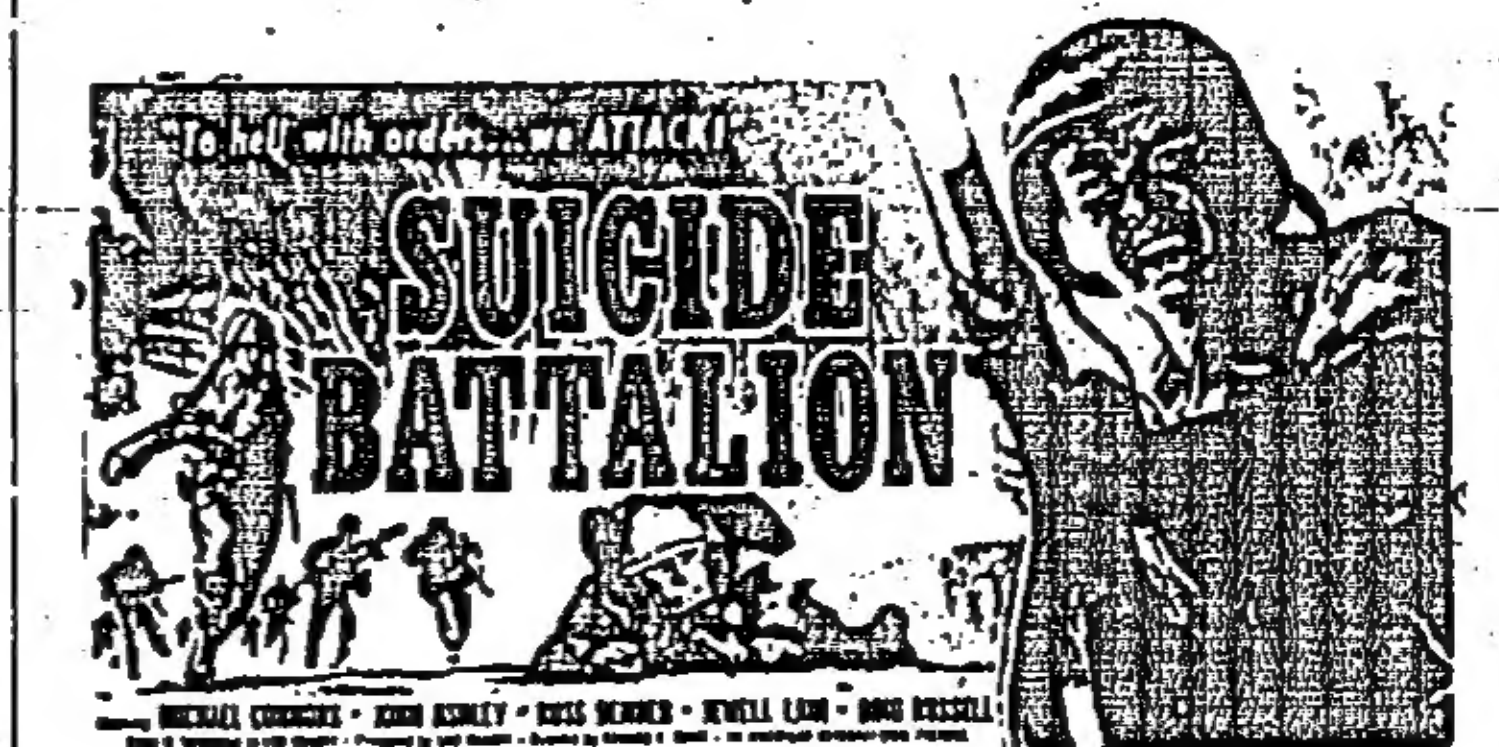
It has been confirmed that the winner of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children's raffle, ticket No. 11912, was Mrs Eva Pearce, a well-known resident of long standing.

Mrs Pearce, like so many other people was invited into buying some tickets by the ladies who were stationed in the Gloucester Arcade.

Mrs Pearce said that this was the first time that she had won a major prize — on this occasion, a car — in a charitable raffle, although she had been taking part in them for many years.

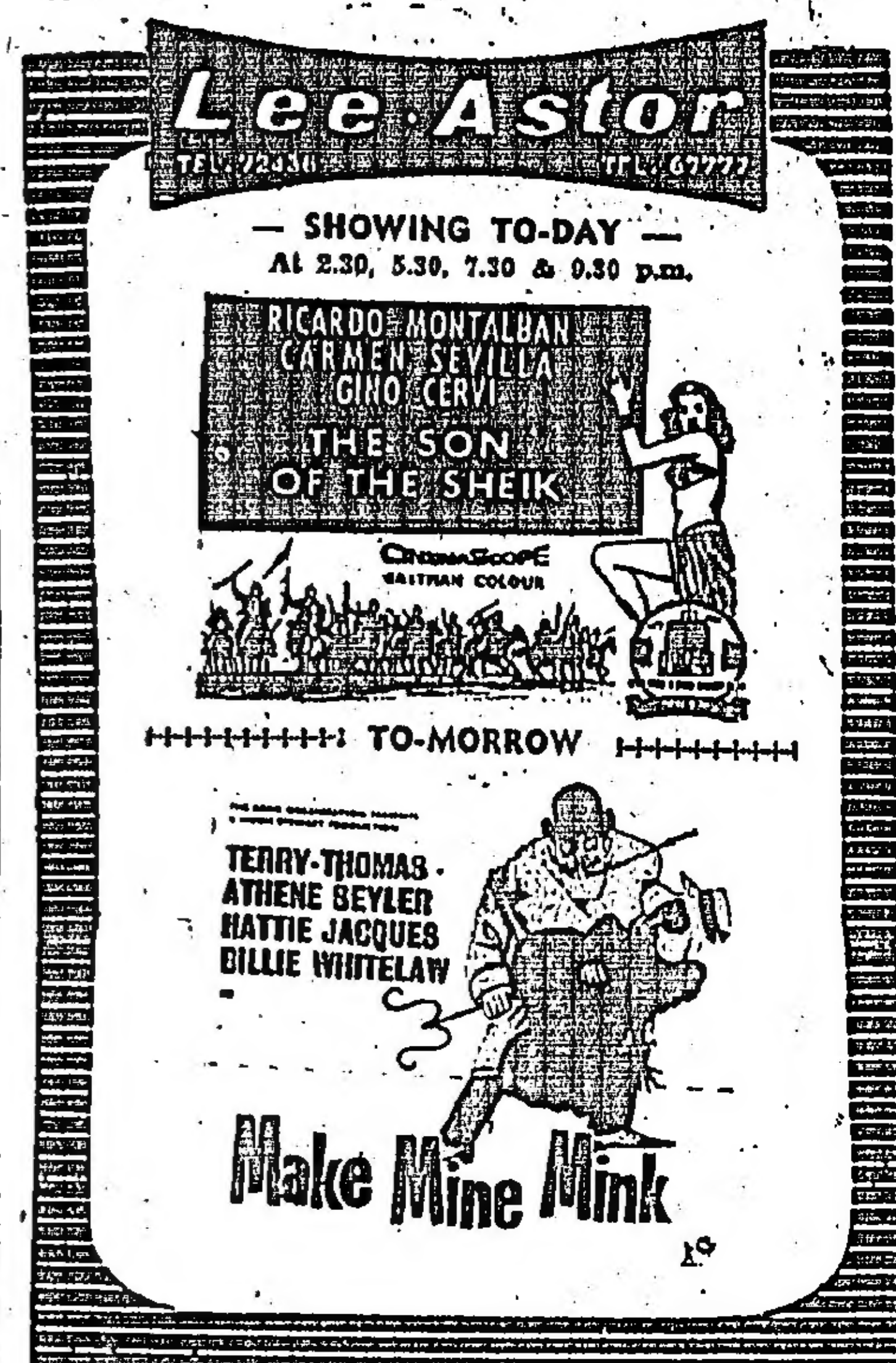
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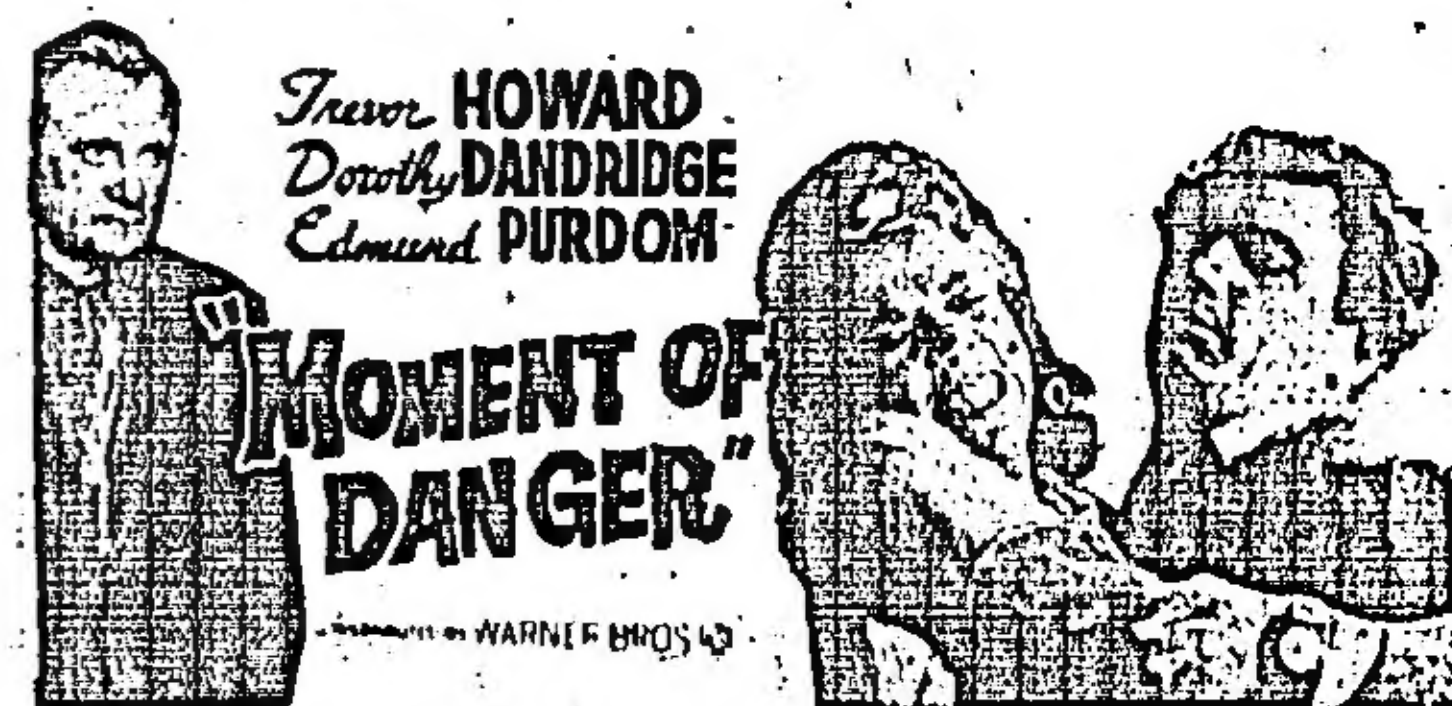
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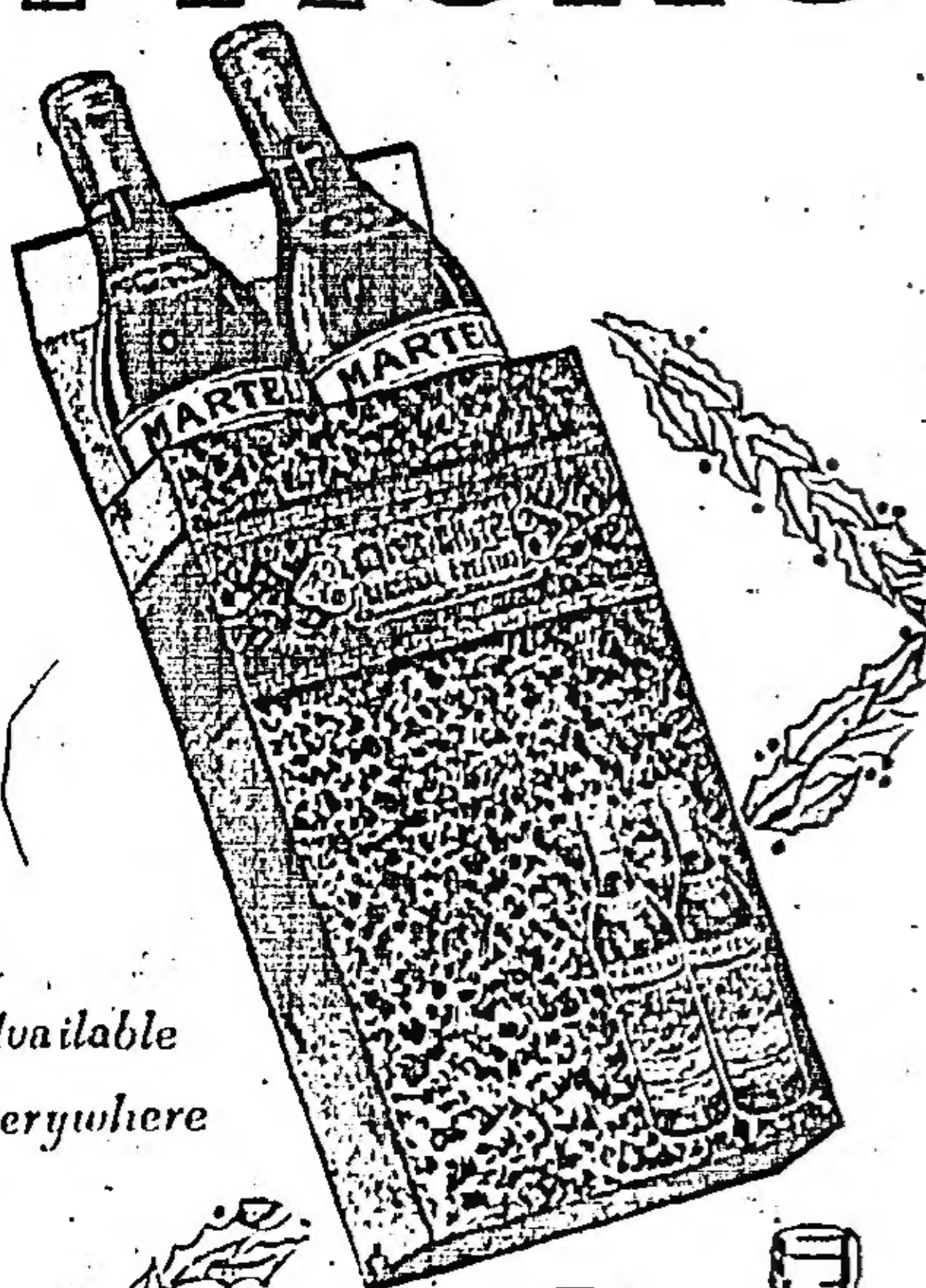
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A DYE TRACES DRUGS IN THE MILK

The reason: Some reach the table



BRITISH scientists have developed a dye called Pea Green to stain antibiotics used in treatment of animals. It reveals any traces of drugs in cows' milk.

Use of the stain may become law if trials now being carried out at the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Laboratory at Weybridge are successful.

Although strict regulations govern the use of antibiotics on animals, there is evidence that some are reaching food bought by the housewife.

Sir John Charles, the Ministry of Health's chief medical officer said in his annual report that small quantities of penicillin had been found in milk.

These were "sufficient to produce allergic reactions in sensitive subjects." But vivid colour of the dye will make these easily traceable.

The whole question of the widespread use of drugs to treat animal diseases, and particularly their use in feeding stuffs to fatten young pigs and poultry, is now being reviewed by a committee of the Agricultural Research Council under Lord Netherthorpe.

Both Brigadier Stoney's friends were hurt by rockets or bangers flung into the house through an open window.

"Parents too are appallingly ignorant of the dangers and allow children to stuff their jeans with explosives that can be touched off by one spark," he adds.

Experts will analyse the reports, and prepare statistics. "We may then press for new legislation," he said.

"I think a lot of the trouble would be avoided if fireworks were only permitted to be sold close to Guy Fawkes Day, and let off only during certain hours."

ON GUARD

A MILLION house-holders whose homes were flooded or saturated in the recent heavy rains are being warned: "Be on guard against dry rot."

The warning comes from scientists at the Forest Products Research Laboratory. The dry rot fungus attacks damp wood. Unless homes are dried out COMPLETELY and quickly, it may cause millions of pounds' worth of damage later on.

The scientists advise these five precautions:

- Take up all floor coverings, dry and store.
- Lift floorboards along the walls, pump out all water.
- Clean all air bricks, and increase the flow of air, particularly around floor joists.

- Keep basement, cellar and ground floor windows open—top and bottom, and doors and cupboards slightly open. Heat all damp rooms daily.

- Six months later, and again after a year, examine all joists so that any outbreaks of rot can be dealt with promptly. Any further soaking stimulates the growth of the fungus.

—(London Express Service)

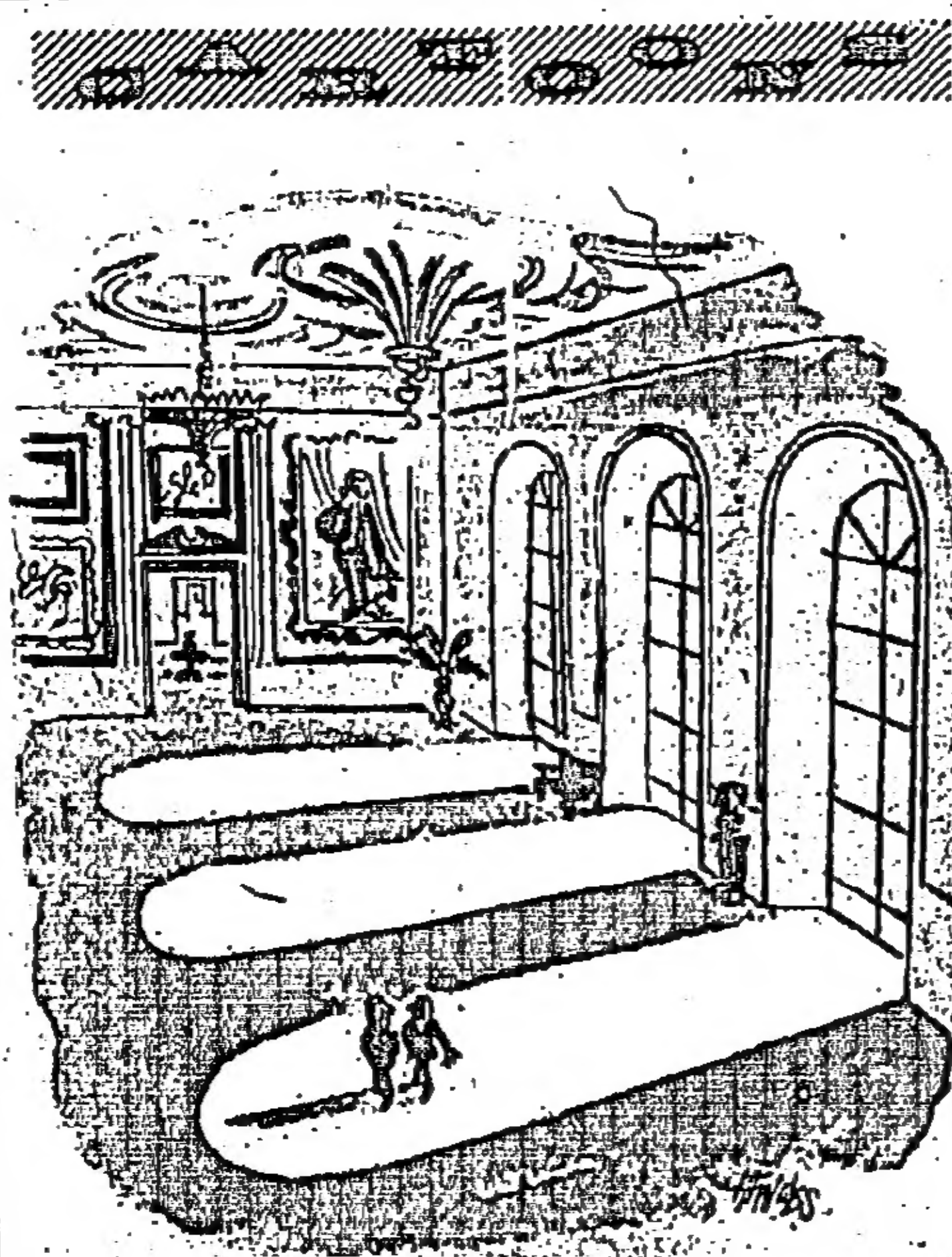
THOSE BANGERS

TWICE, fireworks have injured friends of Brigadier Ralph Stoney. One exploded in a girl's face. The other flamed down inside a woman's dress.

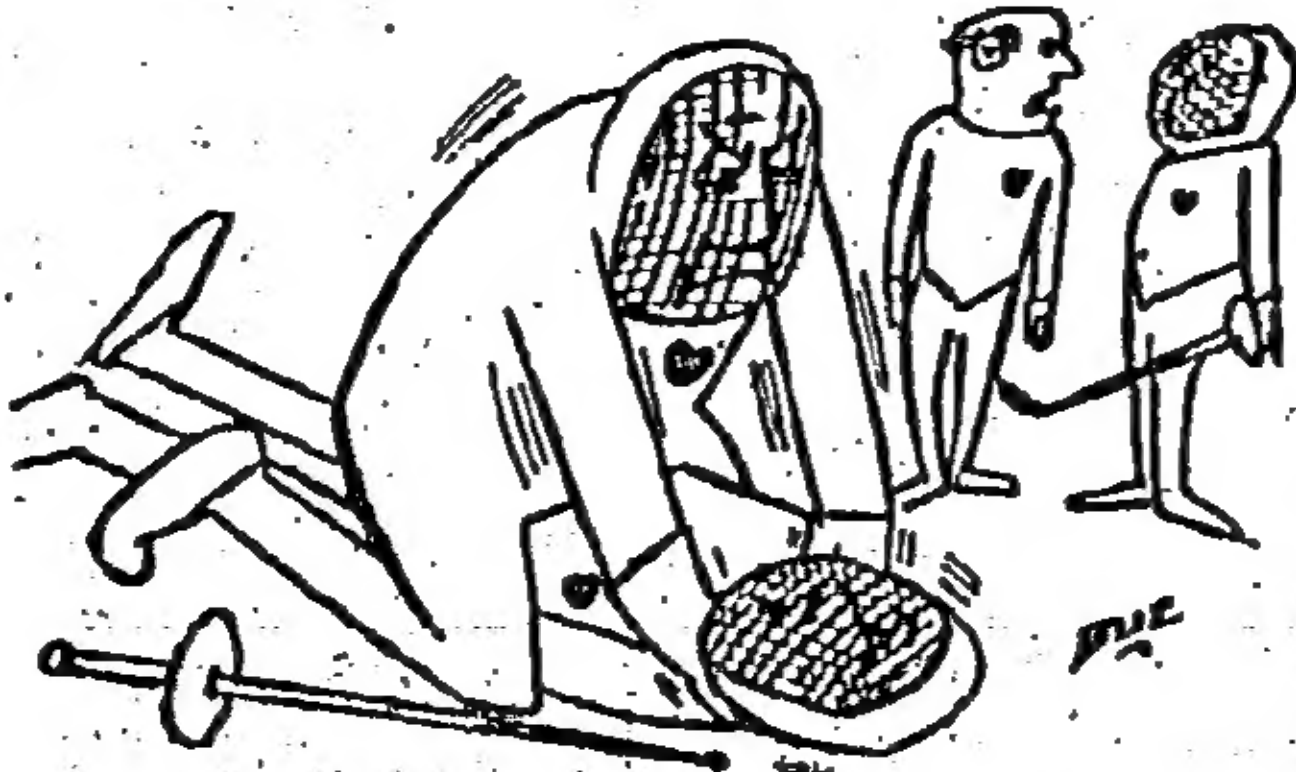
Now the brigadier, who is director-general of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, has started a nationwide hunt for facts about Bonfire Night.

Ignorant

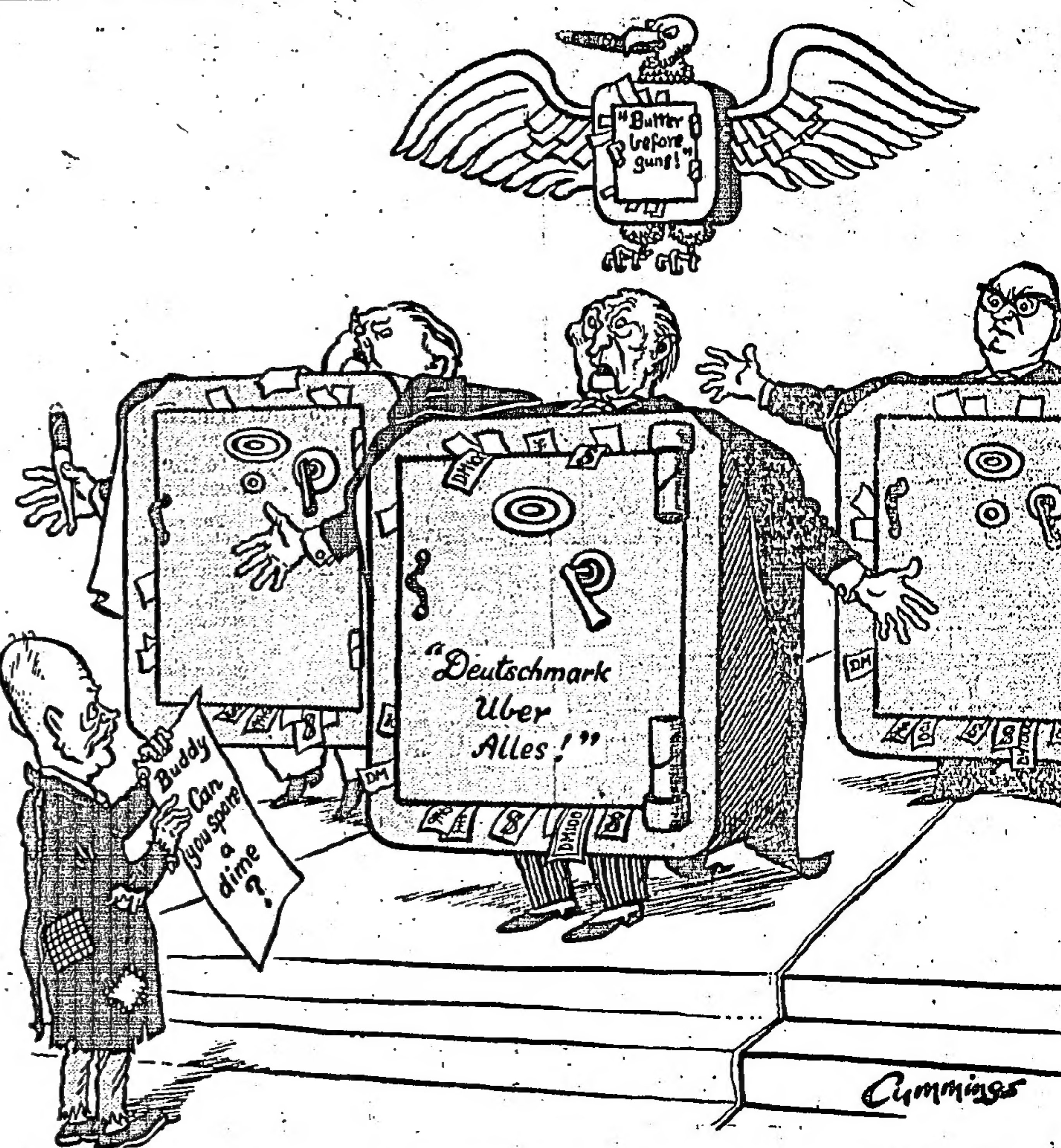
He is appealing for details of every incident where a firework was misused, either deliberately or accidentally. "I am a killjoy," he tells me, "but the time has come when something must be done about it. I am convinced at least half the incidents were due to rank hooliganism."



"I like the place, but my wife is always complaining about the lack of cupboard space."



"Mr. Grimby will have to go if he can't learn to lose gracefully."



"But, Mr. President, you're treating us as if we'd won the war or something..."

London Express Service

How he will grow up —the new baby moving into the White House

by CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

Washington. IN another country the cannon would have been booming and the bells pealing to celebrate the birth of a prince. But this is the Republic, and young John Fitzgerald Kennedy will have all the trappings, all the publicity, of a prince—everything except the title.

Grown men and women find it almost unbearable, this concentration of the world's searchlights swinging on to them, this blinding blaze of publicity that reveals every corner of life, public and private.

Young John Kennedy is going to spend his first four years—maybe his first eight, if his father gets a second term in office—with every detail of his life under daily public scrutiny.

News of his teething troubles will be lapped up by an avid public; his first steps, his first words, are going to be known to and discussed by millions.

Guard

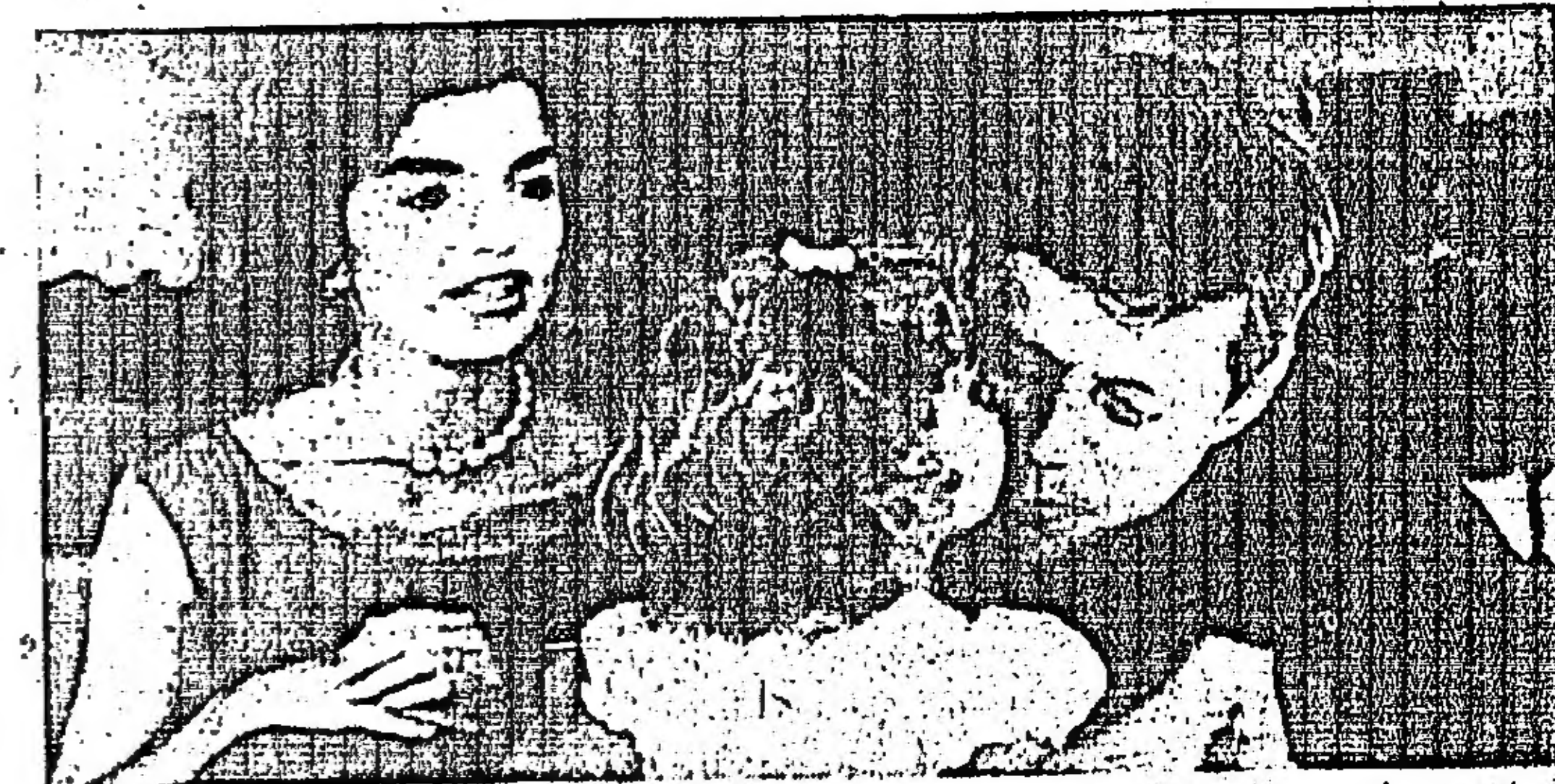
Can a child be protected from this unnatural life-in-a-glass-house?

A child who will have his own secret service guard. A baby who will set fashions in children's wear. Who will be the most photographed child among America's millions.

His little sister Caroline—three years old recently—is already getting the treatment.

At the President-elect's Press conference prior to that event questions centred not on world events but on Caroline's birthday present (two ducks swimming in her bath); about the family's Thanksgiving Day menu (given in all its detail); about two prescriptions delivered to the house that day from a drug store.

Young John Kennedy has one big advantage to offset his crippling burden to fame. A very level-headed, cool and collected mother.



She is determined that her children are going to lead as normal a life as possible. She insists: "I will not leave my children to nurses and Secret Service men," especially when "they will see less of their father than most children."

And she says: "My greatest joy is going to be just being with my children, and I intend to make every effort to keep the limelight from disturbing their lives."

The President-elect is just as determined. He intends to set aside at least part of each day to practise the cult of "togetherness" in which Americans believe so much. Togetherness makes an almost mythical entity out of the family, and under its rules a father must play with his children at least once a day, and preferably take his meals with them.

A start

It's not such a bad idea, at that. But will it be possible for a man caught in the turmoil of world events?

Well he's started the right way. The other morning he took a stroll with Caroline in the afternoon, he went riding with her, carefully lifting her on to the horse before climbing into

the saddle behind her. In fact, in the disorganisation that a new baby brings to the best-organised household he has been taking care of Caroline himself most of the day.

X-rays

But can the Kennedys succeed in keeping life ordinary for their children, in that extraordinary mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, called the White House?

The nurse who looked after all 18 of the Kennedy grandchildren before the family days of fame, Mrs Louella Stencely, has arrived in Washington from Boston to take charge of young John.

But while she takes care of the children in the nursery to be made on the third floor of the White House, tourists will be filing through the public rooms downstairs.

Later the children may have a nanny (wages here around \$60 dollars a week), though more likely they will be sent to kindergarten and then off to school. That is normal practice for even the richest Americans these days. But these will be the President's children, and so the school will have to

be vetted, searched, X-rayed and golger-countered.

Friends to play with will be no problem, for there are 18 grandchildren of the Kennedy clan and many family friends with young children.

But while the children play there will always be another playmate around—a grown-up permanent playmate who packs a gun and is a crack shot. One of the President's guard of Secret Service men.

Tough

Like every other American home with a baby, the White House will have, not a row of nappies blowing in the sunshine, but a regular, from the diaper service, bringing 100 clean and sterile nappies and taking away the dirty ones—all for five dollars a week.

But there is \$100,000 dollars (HK\$400,000) of the American tax-payers' money lying ready, waiting to be spent on the nursery if the President-elect chooses. And if young John's father finds that isn't enough he can always ask Congress for more.

It's going to be tough, keeping life normal for young John Kennedy in that sort of Republican palace.

—(London Express Service)

WOMANSENSE

What every woman can do for her family—starting today

MADAM, as you sit this morning behind the wreckage of breakfast, after the breadwinner has driven off to work and the children have snailed off to school, make this resolution:—

"I must be grudging and brutal to my family in future."

Harden your heart for their sake, of course, not yours.

When next the children wait for you to run them to school, or hold out their hands for the bus fare, tell them to walk.

As your husband puts on his overcoat, remove the car keys

By

WILLIAM CATER

gently but firmly from his pocket, and tell him to walk.

Explain—your know-how it is done—that today is the day you must have the car yourself.

And find some vital, involved piece of shopping for him to do in his lunch-hour, so he has no time to enjoy a long lunch.

Show them

If your firm glance and non-sense voice isn't enough to quell the protests, just show them this quote from Dr. Hugh Sinclair, Fellow and tutor in physiology at Magdalen College, Oxford, talking recently to 700 business executives in London.

"Heart trouble sets in early. We send a bus to take a child a quarter of a mile to school, where milk is poured down his throat so that he can only manage a plateful of ice cream for his dinner."

"The executive is conveyed to his office to make rapid decisions before hurrying to a business luncheon where he eats too many of the wrong foods."

"Then he is conveyed home and lights a cigarette as he sits in front of television watching Lady Lovelace's Chatter."

"The resulting obesity increases his risk, not only from coronary heart disease, but also from other chronic diseases."

In a lifeboat

Naturally, this evening you will check your natural kindly impulse to "heap" all your family's plates high. Instead, dole out the meat as if you were all adrift in a lifeboat.

At this point your husband will probably reach for a cigarette. Say "in tones" of

gentle, regret, as if he were staring on his second bottle of brandy:—

"Not another cigarette, dear?"

As he chokes over the smoke, now robbed of all its pleasure, show him this quote (if you believe it) from Dr. Patrick Lawther, an air pollution expert:—

"If you don't smoke you have 50 times better chance against lung cancer than if you smoke 25 or more cigarettes a day."

Your husband will give a sickly smile and say: "Too late for me, now." Come back with Dr. Lawther: "If you give up your chance improves."

By next morning your husband, forced into walking and queuing for buses, late for work because of it, robbed of the pleasure of too much food and too many cigarettes, will be a nervous wreck. "I must have a check-up," he will say.

'Overfed'

Don't let him kid you. He's not ill, he's just ill, overfed, and panicky. Produce the declaration of Dr. Leslie Norman, chief medical officer for London Transport.

"In the last few years a fashion has grown for the periodic medical overhaul, perhaps annually. I would like to apply the brake," he said.

Your husband snaps back that he is an executive and everyone knows about executives and heart disease. No, no. The executive group is one of the

healthiest, says Dr. Norman. Then quote Dr. Paul Dudley White, Eisenhower's specialist, that "The best antidote, for nervous strain, tension, and insomnia is physical fatigue from work or exercise, which is more satisfactory than drugs."

This is a danger point for the wife. Any sensible husband would cry: "Of course, that's what I need!" and have off for a round of golf or a good walk in the country.

You'd better go with him, to make sure he doesn't play his golf in the club bar.

London Express Service.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

BOB CHOW, the Chinese Canadian life master, writes from Toronto: "It was Friday the 13th and I bumped into a black cat when I was leaving the house. Ah, that Irish luck."

Bob was North and Martin Goldberg, described by Bob as a terrific rubber bridge player, sat South.

West opened one diamond in fourth seat and the bidding proceeded briskly to four spades which West doubled. He opened the ace and another trump. Martin won in his hand and led the jack of clubs. West won with the ace and led another spade which Martin won.

The rest of the play was a mopping-up process. The queen of clubs dropped and a ruff set up dummy's fifth club.

As the heart finesse worked, South made an overtrick at his doubled contract.

This is one of those hands that cause strong men to weep and give up bridge. Even on Friday the 13th you can't afford to pass out a hand in fourth seat when you have as many as thirteen or fourteen points but all fourth-hand openings don't produce a profit.

NORTH (D) 26			
♠ J 8 7	♥ A Q 8 4	♦ None	♣ K 10 7 4 2
WEST EAST			
♠ A 4 2	♥ 5	♦ 8 6 3	♣ 10 9 7 2
♠ K J 10	♥ 8 6 3	♦ 10 9 7 2	♣ 8 6 3
♠ A Q	♥ 8 6 3	♦ 10 9 7 2	♣ 8 6 3
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 10 9 3	♥ 7 6 2	♦ 8 6 3	♣ J 6
No one vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦	3♦	3♦	4♦
4♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A♠			

However, West did contribute something to his eventual downfall. With 22 points, and that distribution he had a perfect two no-trump opening.

If he had opened two no-trump I can't guarantee what would have happened, but I doubt very much if North and South would have ever found their way into the bidding.

♥CARDSENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 2NT. Pass ? You, South, hold: ♠ A 5 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 ♣ K 7 2

What do you do? A—Bid three diamonds. You intend to bid at least six before you get through.

TODAY'S QUESTION Your partner rebids to three no-trump. What do you do now? Answer Tomorrow

DISHES IN MINUTES

by HELEN BURKE

STEAK DIANE

STEAK DIANE is a marvellous, quickly cooked dish but, in common, with all steaks, not an inexpensive one.

Being thin, however, and looking so much, 3 to 4 ounces per person are enough. For four servings 12 ounces in all will probably do, though not nearly enough for hungry steak-eaters.

For four, servings buy four thin entrecote (sirloin) or fillet steaks. Flatten them out to twice the size. Drain and dry a can of stringless beans and stir in lightly a 12-spices of flour. Chop a small onion and a good dessertspoon of parsley.

Melt the butter

Pour a dessertspoon of Worcestershire sauce into a frying pan and slowly evaporate it over a low heat. Melt up to two ounces butter in the pan. When it is very hot add the steaks (two at a time if the pan is not large enough) and the onion. After a minute season the steaks and

turn them to cook the other sides. During this time heat a walnut or two of butter in another pan, add the beans and shake them about to coat them well with the fat and heat through.

Stock and sauce

Lift the steaks on to a heated large platter and arrange the beans at each end of it. Add to the frying pan four to five tablespoons of stock and a further tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce and rub them around with a fork to release the delicious residue. Add a tiny nut of butter. Strain the sauce over the steaks, sprinkle them with the chopped parsley and serve.

If time permits, saute potatoes, started well before the steaks, also go very well with this dish. (London Express Service).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Surprise Pie

—Knarf Buys It From The Mother Goose Pie-man—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow children with the Turned-About Names, were walking down the main street of a small town in the country of Mother Goose when they heard someone ringing a bell. They looked up to see the Pie-man coming around a corner, pushing his pie wagon before him.

Started singing

As soon as he got around the corner, the Pie-man parked his pie wagon against the curb. Then he started singing out at the top of his voice: "Pies, Pies! Every flavour, every size! Come and get a big surprise! Fresh Pies!"

Noticed shadows

Then the Pie-man rang his bell again. Noticing Knarf and Hanid standing in the middle of the block, he smiled over to them and sang out:

"Fresh and nice!

A penny a slice!" Hanid turned to her brother. "Let's go over and see what kind of pies he's got," she suggested.

Doesn't like pies

"I don't like pies," said Knarf, shaking his head. "It won't hurt just to take a look at them," said Hanid, "maybe you'll get a surprise just like the Pie-man said."

Knarf didn't think that any pie could surprise him, no matter whether it was large or small or whatever its flavour might be. Nevertheless, he agreed to walk over with Hanid and look at the Pie-man's stock.

Greeted each other

"Good afternoon," said the Pie-man, when they came over. Knarf and Hanid returned Pie-man's greeting. "I hope you're hungry for pies," he said to them.

"Hanid likes pies but I don't," said Knarf, before the Pie-man had the chance to say any more.

Sharp look

When he heard this, the Pie-man gave Knarf a sharp look. "You don't like my pies?" he asked.

"I don't like anybody's pies," said Knarf.

Hanid quickly explained to the Pie-man that her brother had long ago made up his mind that he didn't care to eat pies and no matter what you said or did, he still wouldn't try one.

"I bet if he tasted one of my pies, he'd want to eat half a dozen," said the Pie-man.

What kind?

"What kind of pies have you got?" asked Knarf. He quickly added, "Not that I want any, you understand."

The Pie-man nodded to Knarf, but Hanid winked and smiled.

"So you want to know the names of my pies, do you? I've got apple pie, peach pie, pear pie, strawberry pie, lemon pie, quince pie, potato pie, mutton pie, beef pie—"

Knarf held up his hand. "I don't like any of those," he said to the Pie-man. "It's no use your telling me any more of their names."

Surprise pie

"In that case," said the Pie-man, "I'll let you have my surprise pie."

Again the Pie-man asked a sly wink at Hanid.

"Surprise pie?" asked Knarf. "What's that?"

"Buy it and find out," said the Pie-man.

"Why can't you tell me first?" asked Knarf.

"Then there won't be any surprise," said the Pie-man.

What price?

"How much does it cost?" asked Knarf.



Knarf heard chirping noises coming from the pie.

"You can have it for a penny," said the Pie-man.

Knarf hesitated, not knowing whether to buy the surprise pie or not. Then he looked over at Hanid and she was nodding.

"All right," said Knarf to the Pie-man, "here's your penny. Let me have the pie."

Chirping noises

Knarf took the pie. He and Hanid looked at it carefully. It looked like any pie, except that they fancied they heard chirping noises coming from under the crust of the pie.

"It sounds like birds," said Knarf.

The Pie-man was smiling and winking harder than ever.

"Open it up," he urged. "Help yourself to a slice!"

"Lend me a knife, please," said Knarf.

Just whistle

"No," said the Pie-man shaking his head. "You don't need a knife. Just whistle."

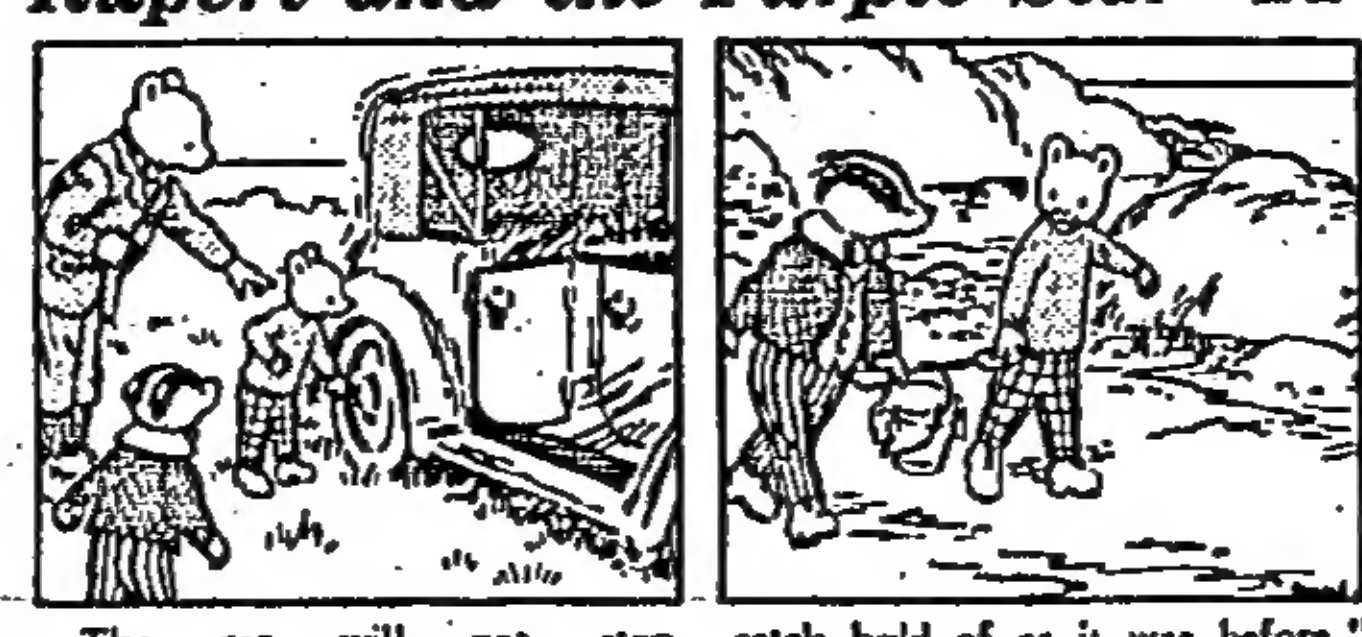
So Knarf, wondering, whistled.

Instantly, an extraordinary thing happened. The crust split open and cut flew a whole flock of Blackbirds.

Hanid counted them as they flew up and away. There were just 24 of them.

Knarf and Hanid had a good laugh and so did the Pie-man. Knarf didn't eat the pie after all. But he told the Pie-man that it was the biggest surprise he'd ever had in his life.

Rupert and the Purple Star-14



The car will not stop trembling, the engine will not start, and everyone is tingling so they all get out. "The thing you put in there must be causing the trouble," says Mr. Bear. "It must go or we shall never get home." The tail is as hard to catch hold of as it was before. "Let's put the wooden spade through the handle again." They do so and are soon able to return to the shore. "I wish I knew how this thing managed to be such a nuisance," says Bill.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A risky undertaking may bring a satisfactory return, but don't be tempted to build your future on such chancy schemes.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Before confiding in an associate, make sure that he will respect your trust.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your determination to keep calm in the face of provocation may be put to a severe test today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A domestic disagreement will be settled satisfactorily through the intervention of a friend of the family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A happy relationship with your neighbours contributes to the contentment of your home life.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Some extra cash may enable you to make good a previous error of judgment.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You will have an opportunity to join a social circle where your somewhat unorthodox opinions will be treated with respect.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): An invitation to a rather unusual gathering ought to be accepted, providing it does not threaten to involve you in too great an expenditure.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Apart from your daily occupation, you have the capacity to earn an additional income through a part time artistic pursuit.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A person of the opposite sex to whom you are attracted, but who has seemed rather unapproachable, will suddenly begin to reciprocate your interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A person in authority from whom you seek a favour should be approached with a show of respect, even though you may regard yourself as his equal.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): When a visitor from abroad leaves for home you will miss him very acutely for a while.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for a combination of **PALE BLUE** and **WHITE**. It ought to bring you luck.

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CLEAN SWEEP FOR JAPAN

Almost assured of winning men's, women's Asian Table Tennis team titles

Bombay, Dec. 12.

Japan, the world champions, virtually assured themselves of winning both the men's and women's team events on the fifth day of the Asian Table Tennis Championships here. Japan today beat India 5-0 and Korea 5-1 in the men's event and now have only to defeat Vietnam to clinch the title. The Japanese women's team beat India 3-0.

Ichiro Ogimura, former world champion, was surprisingly beaten by Lee Dal Joon in the men's match against Korea—the first match dropped by Japan in the event.

In beating both the Philippines and Nepal in the men's event.

Nepal, who have yet to win a match in the championship, sprang a surprise when P. Lohani beat Tran Thanh Duong in straight games, but Vietnam won 5-1.

Pakistan, trailing 0-4 to Ceylon at one stage of their match in the men's team event, recovered to win 5-4. Vietnam had little difficulty

championship, level with India and Korea. Tomorrow they meet Japan.

Results

Results in today's play of the fifth Asian table tennis championships were:

MEN'S TEAM EVENT
India beat Philippines 5-1.
Haidanar beat Alcantara 21-10, 21-15; Haidanar beat Ybanes 21-10, 21-8; Khodali lost to Ybanes 11-21, 0-21; Khodali beat Agassin 21-13, 21-16; Thackersey beat Agassin 21-11, 21-9; Thackersey beat Alcantara 21-9, 21-3.
Thailand beat Burma 5-0.
Sutivet beat Myint 21-10, 21-13; Sutivet beat Mao Toot Siong 21-10, 21-15; Kunan-thannaruk beat Mao Toot Siong 21-9, 21-17; Nantapit beat Agassin 21-13, 21-15; Nantapit beat Myint 21-13, 21-17.

India beat Nepal 5-0.
Japan beat Korea 5-1.
Ogimura beat Park Sung In 21-11, 21-10; Ogimura lost to Lee Dal Joon 15-20, 17-21; Shibutani beat Lee Dal Joon 21-14, 21-13; Shibutani beat Kim Chee Hwa 18-21, 21-11, 21-11; Hoshino beat Kim Chee Hwa 21-13, 21-16; Hoshino beat Park Sung In 21-14, 21-10.
Vietnam beat Philippines 5-0.
Huynh Van Ngoc beat Ibanes 18-21, 21-11, 21-14; Huynh Van Ngoc beat Agassin 21-15, 21-8; Tran Oanh Duoc beat Agassin 18-21, 21-15, 21-10; Lee Van Tiet beat Alcantara 20-24, 21-15; Lee Van Tiet beat Ibanes 21-11, 21-12.

Pakistan beat Ceylon 5-4
Rodrigues lost to Ramchand 25-23, 12-21, 10-21; Rodrigues beat Thanganyagam 21-12, 18-21, 21-13; Rodrigues beat Daniel 21-9, 23-21; Samad lost to Daniel 18-21, 21-10, 11-21; Samad lost to Ramchand 18-21, 21-13, 10-21; Samad beat Thanganyagam 21-18, 21-14; Khan lost to Thanganyagam 18-21, 21-13, 10-21; Khan beat Daniel 8-21, 21-18, 21-14; Khan beat Ramchand 21-8, 21-18.

Japan beat India 5-0.
Ogimura beat Khodali 21-11, 21-12; Ogimura beat Thackersey 21-11, 21-13; Murokami beat Thackersey 21-14, 20-22, 21-13; Hoshino beat Nagara 21-10, 21-16; Hoshino beat Khodali 21-12, 21-15.

Vietnam beat Nepal 5-1.
Philippines beat Burma 5-3.
Alcantara beat Richard Tan 21-14, 21-14; Alcantara beat Myint 21-18, 21-10; Ybanes beat Siong 21-10, 21-17; Ybanes beat Richard Tan 21-15, 23-20; Ybanes lost to Myint 10-21, 21-12; Agassin lost to Myint 10-21, 14-21; Agassin lost to Siong 19-21, 10-21.

WOMEN'S TEAM EVENT
Japan beat India 3-0.
Korea beat Ceylon 3-0.
—Reuter and AFP.

FIGHT OFFER FOR PARET

New York, Dec. 12.

French boxing promoter Charles Michiels has offered Cuba's Benny Paret \$50,000 to defend his world welterweight title against the French national champion Hyppolite Arnes in Paris next February or March.

Arnes, director of international relations for the Madison Square Company here today.

Michiels said that Paret had asked him to transmit the offer to the champion's manager.

Paret successfully defended his world title here on Saturday night when he outpointed Argentina's Frederico Thompson.—AFP.

Hero-worship in his eyes



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Hero-worship that tells the world REAL love of Soccer is kept in the hearts of little boys.—Express photo.

West Indies lose three wickets before lunch

Brisbane, Dec. 13.

The West Indies were in trouble at lunch on the fourth day of the first Test against Australia today, having lost three of their best batsmen for 119.

Having started the day with a deficit of 52—455 against Australia's first innings total of 508—this meant a lead of only 67 with seven wickets in hand.

The dismissed batsmen were Dennis Smith for six, Conrad Hunte for 39 and Garfield Sobers, who made a century in the first innings, for 14.

AHEAD OF CLOCK

Despite some very accurate bowling the West Indies were well ahead of the clock in the first hour, reaching 50 in 44 minutes and 75 in 60 minutes.

At the adjournment Brian Kanahal was 51 not out and Frank Worrell one.

Kanahal reached his 60 in the last over before lunch after 98 minutes.

Davidson took two of this morning's wickets at a cost of 35 runs, and Mackay the other for 30.

The fast bowler yanked Sobers seven minutes before the interval.

The wickets fell at 13, 88 and 114.

It was announced that Smith, on his dismissal, was ordered back by his doctor to his hotel, suffering from acute tonsillitis.—Reuter.

Points win for Mike Holt

Pretoria, Dec. 12.

Mike Holt, South African light-heavyweight boxing champion, outpointed Gavie De Klerk, the Union's heavyweight title-holder over ten rounds here tonight in a non-title fight.

De Klerk proved superior at close quarters early on but some hard punching in the later rounds swung the bout in Holt's favour.—Reuter.

Darlington, Hull City equal an FA Cup record

London, Dec. 12.

Darlington and Hull City, who drew 0-0 after extra-time in their English Football Association Challenge Cup second round third replay at Doncaster tonight, will equal a record when they play the tie a fifth time.

Only five times before in the history of the English Cup have four replays been necessary to decide a tie.

The two teams have now been battling it out for exactly seven hours. In December who shall receive Bolton Wanderers in the third round. The record duration for a Cup tie was set in 1955 when it took nine hours 22 minutes playing time before Stoke City beat Bury 3-2 after extra-time in the fourth replay.

Darlington and Hull will not meet again until they have played a fifth replay. For one of their previous ties was abandoned after the normal 90 minutes and the extra half-hour was not played.

In the other four ties which have required five replays before a conclusion has been reached, extra-time has not been necessary in the deciding game.

FA CUP

Second round, third replay Darlington 0, Hull City 0. (After extra-time—played at Doncaster—winners home to Bolton).

LEAGUE CUP

First round, Plymouth Argyle—postponed because of fog. Tranmere vs Everton—postponed owing to ground being unfit.—Reuter.

U.S. tennis circles shocked and disappointed at Davis Cup defeat

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.

Tennis circles here received the news of the United States' Davis Cup defeat by Italy with disappointment and shock. Professional promoter Jack Kramer, a former Cup star, said: "It's a shocking thing, but what is interesting is that it hurts the prestige of American tennis development." Kramer also said that the loss underlines the need for either subsidization or other promotional efforts.

FINANCIAL BLOW

Perry Jones, non-playing captain of the 1958 Davis Cup team that defeated Australia, said: "It was a great disappointment to all of us." Jones pointed out that failure of the United States to reach the challenge round was "a severe financial blow." He explained that the teams in the challenge round can usually count on receiving from \$55,000-\$60,000 in receipts.

Burt Talbot, a former U.S. Davis Cup team captain, said he was "disappointed" but added: "You have to give the Italians full credit for their comeback."—UPI.

W. Australia need 50 runs for victory

Sydney, Dec. 12.

Western Australia, with five wickets left, need 50 runs tomorrow to beat New South Wales. Sheelagh Shields, winners for the past seven seasons.

They dismissed NSW for 240 in the second innings today and need 170 for victory, were 120 for five at the close.

First bowler, Gordon Rankin, whose suspect action has been under fire during the throwing controversy, bowled only four overs today. He took one wicket for 12 runs and was then taken off.

Gamini Goonesena, of Ceylon, the former Nottinghamshire and Cambridge University all-rounder, had a spell of two wickets for one run with his spinners and finished with two for 40. He had a match figure of five for 110.

Scores were: New South Wales: 104 and 240. (D. Hone four for 60).

Western Australia 233 and 120 for five. (C. Goonesena two for 40).—China Mail Special.

SOLOMONS BOOKS 'KILLER'

Sonny Liston threat faces British four

By DESMOND HACKETT

Sonny Liston, world No. 1 heavy-weight title contender, 16st, 6ft. 1in. of cruel body-destroying meanness, has been booked by Jack Solomons to fight a British heavy-weight at Wembley on March 31.

I offer this as a warning rather than an item of fighting intelligence to the top four strong men of Britain: British and Empire champion Henry Cooper, European champion Dick Richardson, Joe Erskine, and Brian London.

The only snag to this proposed import of American annihilation is that the British Boxing Board of Control may consider Liston too tough a character to be entertained in British fight circles.

Apart from his boxing brutalities, Liston has a grim out-of-fighting association with the American fight racketeers Blinky Palermo, Frankie Carbo, and John Vitale, who have been outlawed so often they must feel like Billy the Kid.

THEIR RIP-ROARING YOUTHS

But they still continue to crawl from under the stones when they smell any million-dollar fight trade in the offing. And, potentially, Liston even as a 28-year-old, is that kind of business. The last time I saw Liston at the second Rotterson and Johansson world title fight, he seemed in his well-cut light grey suit a big, amiable-looking citizen.

When I looked at his police record he is not quite the good humoured man he may appear at first observation. He knows the inside of the Missouri State Penitentiary and the St. Louis City workhouse.

Not that the rest of the world top boxers of America are just good clean-living boys.

I reckon the majority have known the inside of reform schools or felt a cop's night stick on their backsides in their rip-roaring youths, but this big man Liston seems a little extra in his brawl with the law.

In the comparatively legalised ring battles, dark, perfectly built Liston is the most ferocious fighter since crashing, mauling Rocky Marciano turned the light rings of America into dangerous jungle territory.

TERRIFYING

Sounds a frightening chap this fellow Liston, doesn't he? He is more than that, he is terrifying.

Under the inconspicuous title of "Sonny," menacing-destroyer Liston has composed this canny little plan in the last two years.

Mike De John, six rounds; Cleveland Williams, three rounds; Nino Valdez, three rounds; Willie Bowman, seven rounds.

1960: Howard King, seven rounds; Cleveland Williams, two rounds.

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SONNY LISTON

rounds; Roy Harris, one round; Zora Foley, three rounds.

In his last fight with Eddie Machen it took all of 12 rounds for Liston to win on points.

'HE RAN'

The American experts, summed up this fight: "Machen wouldn't or couldn't fight. He just ran; held, and complained."

Liston candidly admits to Jack Solomons: "I don't look like getting near Patterson or Johnston for all of a year. I have cleared up all the money-making jobs here. Right now any fight I take in America would not add up to 10 cents. I'll take on anyone in Britain."

British reaction to the proposed visit of Liston: "Benny Jacobs: 'When we have benton Cooper we will fight Liston if the money is right.' The bold Benny means Joe Bralting will fight Liston if Mr Jacobs thinks the money is right."

Jim—The Bishop—Wicks, in his shortest recorded speech: "We would want as much to fight Liston as we would for the world title and that is £25,000 take it or leave it." The fighting-half of Mr Wicks' "we" is Henry Cooper.

From Dick Richardson and Brian London, the diplomatic "No comment."

Former boxing champion reveals bribe offers

Washington, Dec. 12.

Former lightweight boxing champion Ike Williams told U.S. Senate investigators today that Frank (Blinky) Palermo, his one-time manager, had relayed bribe offers to him on four of his fights.

Williams said he rejected all the offers but now regrets turning down two of them, since he lost them anyway.

He said Palermo reported he could pocket \$100,000 for outpointing an overweight match to Kid Gavilan at New York in 1949, \$50,000 in his title bout with Jimmy Carter in New York in 1951 and \$20,000 in his defence against Freddie Dawson in Philadelphia in 1949.

He also said Palermo told him they could make a large sum—the amount unspecified—for losing to Justin Fontaine in 1947. Williams lost to Gavilan and Carter, outpointed Dawson and knocked out Fontaine.

Earned \$1m

Williams, who said he earned about a million dollars in his ring career, now works in a warehouse for the state of New Jersey for a wage of \$92.57 every two weeks.

He testified he had tried to serve as his own manager, but was boycotted to the extent he couldn't even hire a sparring partner, let alone get a fight. That, he said, is why he hired Palermo as his manager in 1947.

Williams won the National Boxing Association version of the lightweight title in 1945 and

became undisputed champion in 1947.

The ex-champion testified Palermo brought him the first bribe offer about a month before his scheduled Sept. 5, 1949, bout with Dawson. He said Palermo did not tell him from whom the money was to come.

Williams quipped his manager as telling him: "If it was me, I wouldn't take it—but you can use your own judgment."

About 10 minutes before the fight started, Williams said, he received a warning from a friend that "they" would take the fight away from him. He said he called in sports writers, promised them a statement if he lost, then went out and won the fight by a decision.

Fined

Williams said he was fined \$500 the following day by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission for having made public the story that he had heard the fight would be taken from him.

He said he figured that only the officials could have taken the fight from him.

Williams said Palermo also told him to use his own judgment after informing him of an offer of \$100,000 to lose to Gavilan.

He charged that twice in 1948 Palermo took the purses he had won defending his title.

He said the purses totalled \$32,500 for a bout with Jesse Flores and \$32,400 for a bout with Beau Jack.

Williams said he was entitled to two-thirds of the purses; Palermo to one-third after deducting expenses but that each time Palermo told him "I've been up against it" and had spent the money.

He said the managers usually collect their fighter's purses.

Palermo has been named in hearings as a friend of gangster Frankie Carbo, now serving a prison sentence in New York for illegal undercover operations in prize fighting.—AP.

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ON THE BALL

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SMALLER CLUBS SHOULD JOIN FORCES

Of all the many prescriptions offered as a cure for the unhealthy state of the Football League (60 out of 92 clubs are reported in the red) the one I most support is the so-called pyramid plan with a Premier League at the apex. The development of such a pyramid structure, plus the emergence of a European League, seems inevitable. But is there not, I wonder, an even more revolutionary remedy for the financial crisis in British soccer? It is a remedy which can be expressed in a single word—amalgamation.

In am not suggesting that such powerful clubs as Manchester City and United should follow this suggestion. They are both successful enough to qualify automatically for any newly-formed Premier League or Division. London, Birmingham and Liverpool are other cities which seem big enough and sufficiently soccer-minded to support more than one League club.

But for less prosperous clubs, amalgamation could have enormous advantages. Imagine, for example, the economies that could be made, and the strength that could be gained, by combining Bristol City and Rovers as, say, Bristol United. Bristol, the seventh largest city in England, might then quickly win First Division place for the first time in more than half a century.

Same area

Nottingham Forest and Notts County, Bradford and Bradford City, Brentford and Queen's Park Rangers are examples of other clubs which might amalgamate to their mutual advantage. And such unions need not be confined to cities. Clubs in the same area might also unite.

A few possible combinations that come to mind are Derby and Chesterfield, Huddersfield and Halifax, Port Vale and Stoke, Barnsley and Doncaster. The idea seems worth considering, though I do not seriously believe it would ever be accepted—so strong are club traditions and loyalties. But a valuable compromise might be acceptable—clubs keeping their individuality but sharing the same ground. This would not be impracticable with fixtures arranged alternatively on the home and away basis. And the saving in overheads would be an enormous economy.

Equally important, it would provide far more to spend on much-needed improvements in ground facilities. Clubs could

This is one answer to soccer's money worries

ship clubs such as those which exist in parts of South America and Europe. They would fulfil some of the most important recommendations of the Wolfenden Committee by catering for numerous sporting activities, making the maximum use of the club grounds and buildings, and virtually operating as community recreation centres. Professional soccer would not be only an industry, but an integral part of a great social service.

Amenities

Some clubs overseas have tens of thousands of members who can make daily use of their club's amenities, whether it be for football, basketball, tennis, athletics, swimming, billiards or even dancing. Barcelona, for example, has sections catering for football (18 teams), fencing, hockey, athletics, basketball, baseball and handball. Members pay less than one shilling a week.

Membership clubs

Though it may remain only a pipe-dream, I would love to see the British soccer revolution carried much further than this with the establishment of vast membership clubs in all the large cities.

At present, we have only one club in the full sense of the word—Nottingham Forest. The other 91 League "clubs" are limited liability companies.

How much more attractive if they could be run as member-

ship clubs such as those which exist in parts of South America and Europe.

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There would still be professional football and necessary many full-time officials—managers, coaches etc.—within these membership clubs. The officials would be appointed by the elected committees. And the present directors of clubs, if they had a deep and genuine interest in the game, would clearly find themselves serving on these committees.

Ex-players

He need never feel that he is an unwanted "has-been." Instead, he could continue, if he so wished, to play a worthwhile part in his club's affairs, whether it be as an adviser, coach or administrator.

Such advice could be of tremendous value to club spirit and tradition. And the club could profit considerably from the players' experience of past performers and their views on the problems of the game.

This seems to me a wonderfully exciting and worthwhile plan—and one which has been proved practicable in other countries.—Central Press.

THE BLUES' 500 POSTWAR 'CAPS'

By ARCHIE QUICK

Pre-Varsity match analysis of the contributions Oxford and Cambridge have made to International Rugby football reveals that of the 287 players who have appeared for the Light and the Dark Blues in their annual post-war matches at Twickenham no fewer than 80 of them have gained 534 "caps" between them for the four Home Countries. It is an astonishingly high percentage.

Forty-three Oxford men have captured 241 "caps" and 37 men of Cambridge have obtained 295 "caps," which indicates that, although more Dark Blues have been honoured, their Cambridge rivals hold their place longer. Broken down, the statistics show that Oxford have had 23 England men with 159 "caps," 14 Scotsmen with 62, one Irishman with three, and five Welshmen with 17. Cambridge have had 19 England men with 103 "caps," 10 Scots with 89, two Irishmen with 19 and six Welshmen with 72. The most surprising items there are the Welsh and Scottish "caps" gained by the Light Blues and the far greater number of Oxford representatives preferred by England.

Pride of place

Pride of place in the individual honours list is held by R. C. C. Thomas, a Blundellian who won 26 Welsh selections between 1949 and 1959. Next in order come J. A. Gwilliam (23 times for Wales), A. R. Smith (23 times for Scotland), R. W. Marples (21 times for England) and A. A. Mulligan (18 times for Ireland). Four other Cambridge men—A. F. Dorward, R. K. G. McEwen, G. H. Waddell and Glyn Davies—have made more than 10 appearances for their country.

England has shown a greater appreciation of the Dark Blues and here J. McG. Kendall-Carpenter (23), J. D. Currie (21), L. B. Cannell (19) and M. S. Phillips (12) head the list of 23. P. W. Kininmonth, captain of Scotland, was honoured on 21 occasions.

The Grammar Schools have 14 out of 30 players in this year's Inter-Varsity struggle at Twickenham, and it is interesting to note as a pointer to the spread of the handling

same outside the Public Schools that, despite its increasing popularity in this class of scholastic institution, the post-war list is headed by Neath Grammar School with only three representatives.

In those 15 post-war years the Public Schools have supplied: Oxbridge 14 Blues, Clifton and Sedburgh eight each, Fettes seven and Rugby six.

Oxford have played 68 Public Schoolboys, 26 from Grammar Schools and 39 from overseas. Cambridge have fielded 83 from the Public Schools, 46 from the Grammar Schools and only five overseas students.

HK SQUASH CHAMPION IN BRITISH ARMY FINAL

London, Dec. 12. Captain Michael Perkins, the present Hongkong champion, who recently returned here had a hard battle in his bid to regain the Army Squash Rackets Championship at the Naval and Military Club today.

In the semi-final it took him 50 minutes to beat Major Michael Tinsley, a fellow Artillery Officer, 7-0, 9-6, 9-4, 9-6. Captain Perkins, several times a winner of the event, will meet the defending champion, Second Lieutenant Stuart Hicks, Royal Artillery, in tomorrow's final.

Hicks, a Yorkshire left-hander and an Army hockey player, beat Second Lieutenant R. Hughes, Royal Ulster Rifles 9-4, 9-6, 9-4 in the semi-final. Reuter.



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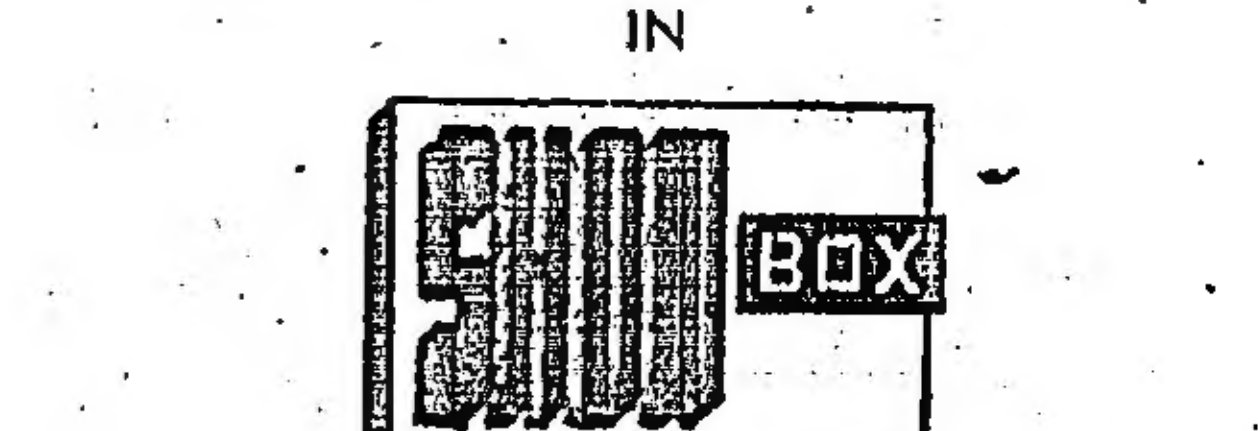
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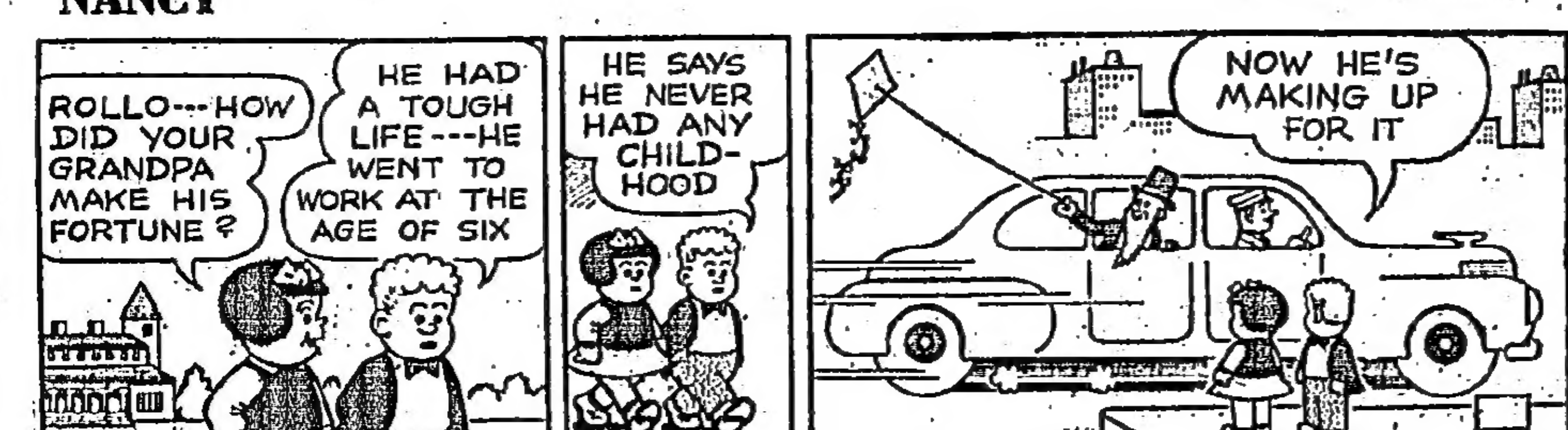
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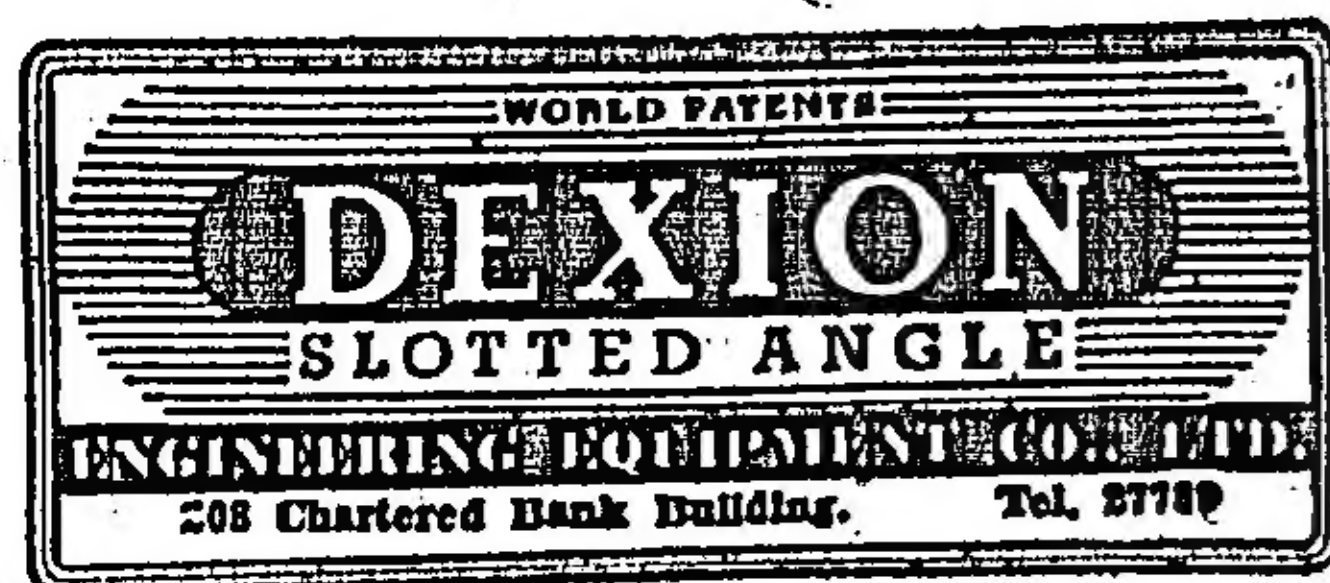


By Ernie Bushmiller



By Paul Norris





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Appeal against solicitor's conviction continues

LOW ENTITLED TO BE BELIEVED

Coolie on murder charge in court

Commitment proceedings against a 27-year-old earth coolie on a charge of murder began before Mr. H. H. B. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

The defendant, Sui Wan, is alleged to have murdered Tai Chung, also an earth coolie, at the Morrison quarry off Morrison Hill-road on November 4.

A prosecution witness, Fong Mau-yin, told the Court that on November 4, the defendant and Tai Chung, the deceased, had a quarrel at 123-5 Leighton-road.

Fong said that that evening at the coolies' quarters, Morrison Hill-road, he heard the defendant say "Tai Chung exists, I will not."

Fong said that then Tai Chung approached the defendant and tried to have a fight.

Hearing is continuing. Det. Inspector C. K. Chong is conducting the commitment proceedings.

CHARACTER REFERENCES STRESSED

Robert Eli Low, a 29-year-old solicitor sentenced to two years' jail on nine charges of corruptly receiving money, was entitled to be believed in his explanation as to how he received cash gifts, the Full Court was told this morning.

This was said by Mr. H. H. B. Phillips who is presiding over the appeal against the conviction.

Mr. How said the explanation was given by Low in the witness box with regard to the statements which he gave to the police and was not challenged in Court during the trial.

"If he gave reasonable explanation, one which can reasonably be believed in this matter, he was entitled to be believed. At least, he was

entitled not to be disbelieved," he continued.

Another factor which the trial judge overlooked was Low's character.

SPOKE HIGHLY

"Here we have a case of a man found guilty of a series of charges of dishonesty," he said. "But there was evidence by the Bishop of Hongkong and another person who knew him well."

"Both spoke most highly of the character of the appellant," he added.

Mr. How also submitted that the trial judge drew an "unwarrantable conclusion" that appellant told a lie when in a letter written to the partners of the firm, appellant wrote San Kwong-road instead of Sing Woo-road.

"It is a perfectly honest mistake and it also tends to show that the matter was dealt with by another solicitor. Appellant had very little to do with it," he continued.

Hearing continues this afternoon.

Grounds of Appeal: There was no sufficient evidence to support a conviction on the corruption charges. Indirectly, appellant was misled by the law in respect of corruption.

Judge has misdirected himself on the evidence by making erroneous references to the evidence in various instances.

The Judge gave no or insufficient weight to the evidence which was in the appellant's favour and the observations on the evidence made by the defence.

The Full Court comprises the Acting Senior Justice, Mr. Justice C. W. Ho, with Mr. Justice R. H. Mills-Owens.

Mr. How is instructed by Mr. G. E. S. Stevenson of Stewart and Co. Mr. J. Bodilly, Crown Counsel, appears for the Crown.



TROPICAL DISEASE SPREAD BY SNAILS

Dr. William Alves left Hongkong today on route from the island of Leyte where he completed a study of a prevalent tropical disease spread to humans by water snails.

Dr. Alves, until recently a senior adviser to the Philippines Government on prevalent tropical diseases, is flying by Swissair to Geneva for re-assignment by the World Health Organization.

The disease he was studying is called Bilharziasis. It is transferred from person to person by the snails.

Following his visit to WHO headquarters he will take a short holiday at his home in Southern Rhodesia.

MACAO GOVERNOR ARRIVES

The Governor of Macao, Lieutenant Colonel Jaime Silverio Marques and Madame Marques (above) arrived in the Colony this morning by air.

He had come to Hongkong for the three-day celebration programme in honour of the famous Portuguese explorer, Prince Henry the Navigator.

Meeting him were Mr. F. A. de Mesquita Ribeiro, Acting Consul for Portugal and Flight-Lieut. F. M. Botelho, honorary ADC to the Governor.

HK DIAMOND SALESMAN DISCHARGED

A diamond salesman charged with fraudulent conversion was discharged by Mr. A. J. Sanguinetti at Central Court this morning.

Wan Ki-hing, 40, of 106 Wongsheehong-road, third floor, was alleged to have fraudulently converted to his own use \$845.30 after selling two diamonds valued at \$845.30 which should have been returned to his company, J. B. Ipekjian and Co. Ltd.

Mr. Donald Cheung, of F. Zimmerman & Co., pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant.

After hearing evidence given by prosecution witnesses, Mr. Sanguinetti said that the prosecution had not proved the case beyond reasonable doubt. He dismissed the case.

Stone throwing sailor fined

A young sailor who threw stones into the Hongkong Products Exhibition at the Royal Naval Dockyard and injured a visitor there was fined \$75 by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The 18-year-old sailor, stoker Stephen E. Walsley, of HMS Harland Point, pleaded guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner last night with intent to provoke a breach of the peace. Sub-inspector Yip Tai-yau told the court that at about 10.15 pm yesterday, Walsley was seen by an officer of his ship walking outside the exhibition and throwing stones over the fence into it. When the officer tried to stop him from doing this Walsley became abusive and began to throw stones at the officer.

Police were called and Walsley was taken into the police post inside the exhibition where he continued to make "all the nonsense," the Sub-Inspector testified. Walsley appeared a little drunk at that time.

Sub-inspector Yip added that one of the stones thrown by Walsley hit the head of a Chinese man who received three stitches in hospital.



MR PATTERSON

Another double birthday

Another Colony resident celebrated a double birthday crossing from Hongkong to San Francisco by Boac Boeing 707 airliner today.

He was Mr. H. C. Patterson of H. C. Patterson and Co. Ltd. who left this morning with 12 other local travel agents as guests of the airline on its inaugural jet flights to the United States.

A telegram of greetings wishing him "happy birthday" sent by Boac will be read to Mr. Patterson by the Captain when the plane reaches 40,000 feet.

He will also receive a cake with 50 candles when the plane passes the International Date Line.

CHAMPAGNE

A bottle of champagne will be presented to him by a Boac official for his second party.

The travel agents are accompanied by Mr. Chris Chen, Boac's Assistant Manager.

On Sunday, Mr. S. A. Gray, Editor of the South China Morning Post, also celebrated a double birthday when he flew from Hongkong to San Francisco in the inaugural Boac trans-Pacific Boeing 707 jet flight.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1935

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed the Hon. Mr. Chau Tsun-nin, to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years.

EXTRACT from the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "Years ago the Hongkong Government appointed a Commission to inquire into the increasing cost of living and make practical recommendations with a view to counteracting the rise in price of the necessities of life."

This was a decade ago. They found among other things that depreciation of silver, West River piracy, enforcement of sanitary laws, high rents and augmentation of the Naval and Military Forces in Hongkong and Manila had all contributed towards a rise in certain commodities.

In the five years from 1905 to 1910, the Commission found that the retail price of bread had risen 20 per cent, fish 50 per cent, eggs 80 per cent, beef 33 per cent, mutton 45 per cent, fowls 40 per cent, and rice 33 per cent.

These startling deductions were supported by voluminous evidence. Unfortunately, there are many objections to legislative interference in minor trade matters and the Commission was restless in that it failed to suggest any practical remedy that has been of real value."

The Right Rev. Bishop H. Valerius left the Colony in the liner Conte Verde yesterday for Rome for his visit ad limina to His Holiness the Pope. He will return next April and during his absence the Rev. Father A. Riganiti, Rector of St. Joseph's Church will take charge.

PIANO SPOILS SIKI CONCERT

By D. E. GRAY

THE phrase on the lips of many last night at the Bela Siki Concert in St. Paul's Co-Educational College was "what an awful piano!"

As a school piano I imagine it is fairly good, but as the medium for expression by a first-rate concert soloist, it was frightful.

It was unresponsive in all registers, it had a "tinny" sound in its middle and upper registers and the lowest notes were dull colourless thuds.

Bela Siki is a magnificent pianist and he did all one could do with such an instrument, but a great pianist requires a good piano to make great music.

And the truth is that Hongkong just does not have enough good pianos in the halls available to our concert promoters so that we will have to put up with our present lot until the City Hall, with its fine piano, arrives.

Siki's opening work was a little Haydn Sonata in D major. The inadequacies of the piano were not so noticeable here and the slow movement was particularly beautiful.

The Beethoven C Minor Sonata, Op. 111 was the main work in the first half. This great Sonata is practically a Prelude and Fugue followed by an Air and Variations. Siki

brought out all the nobility and grandeur of the Introduction, the storm and impetuosity of the Fugue and the beauty of the Coda in the first movement. This was Beethoven's last Sonata, and it has an air of celestial happiness, in which the Variations are heard jangling round the air like careering waves on the sands on a beautiful day.

Another great work occupied the whole of the second half of the programme—Ravel's Miroirs. This work is a series of five descriptive sketches. They are very demanding on the performer and they require the greatest delicacy of touch and the utmost responsiveness on the part of the piano. I do not know how Siki managed to get the results which he did, but he painted pictures of the 'Night Mother', the 'Sad Bird' and the 'Ocean Barque' which we will long remember.

For encore Siki played the Liszt transcription of Paganini's 24th Caprice, and a short one movement work which sounded to me like a Scarlatti Sonata.

This was an evening of fine music, and those of us who heard the artist in Hongkong a few months ago were delighted to welcome him again.

Bela Siki is undoubtedly one of the top-rank pianists of our day. The Lipatti touch is unmistakable in every work he plays.

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dear sir

Elegy on a Post Office clerk

Alas, poor Postal Clerk! Maligned and in an instant damned from brief experience: Reverse the view And from his cage accept his awesome sight And face the cloudburst throng Which comes at him the day along.

Dew-fresh and sweet, he starts the day With eager touch and manner kind. Yet who doth know what stormy tide Most soon beset his anxious mind. For soon they come.

First, the gaily chattering few with time o'day and how d'y'do. But inexorably they grow. With closing ranks the gaps are filled.

Out, out the light. Begone the momentary peace! Henceforth no rest, until the hour of quiet release.

And thus the changed and yet unchanging file Continually lopped, but instantly reborn With fresh demanding head; Now fair, now scowling; Each requiring to be fed.

Ponder, then, these multitudinous transactions Precise: exact; oft-coloured with propitious tact. Until the pattered close. When locked doors conceal the checks and balances To serve the public weal.

Then does the homeward looking clerk give vespered pause To bid his colleagues well ere he departs. Merits he the cuts and gibes Of witty, journalistic scribbles?

JOHN AUDLEY.

NO BLOATERS IN MACAO

I notice a local magistrate has commented on gambling in Hongkong. His reported remarks to a number of men in court on such charges was that "this is not Macao".

I am sure that a life at Macao was certainly not meant to be a friendly neighbourhood city but in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, I would like to state the following:

However lavish gambling is elsewhere, Macao's casino is mainly for the delectation of the fisherfolk.

Those simple native fishermen are not used to princely or coveting around highly

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Would the Hongkong and Yau-mai Ferry Company, please tell me how it is that a Volkswagen (engine capacity 1100 cc) is classified as a large car, and a Fiat 1200 (which capacity is almost identical with that of the VW) as a small car?

I am a regular weekend user of the ferry and have noticed this apparent anomaly on at least two occasions.

Would it not be fairer for the company to alter the criteria so that genuinely small cars (say 1,000 cc and under)

dear sir

polished floors and what better relaxation for them than to sit and play Sam lap ng nio, kok or other devotions of the Fan Tan game?

They spend for their amusement and when running short just sail out once again and bring more fish for the markets of Pisco.

Over there my friends are not too keen on canned bloaters.

JOJO GUTZ

dear sir

qualified for the description of "small".

Alternatively, would it not be fairer to specify a category for each of the various makes of cars now on the road—a big job admittedly, but it would put an end to a lot of grumbling about arbitrary ratings applied by the ferry company.

Magistrate rules 12 men have case to answer

Mr E. S. Haydon, Kowloon Magistrate, over-ruled a defence submission that the 12 men appearing in Kowloon Court South on charges of corruption had no case to answer.

The 12 men were alleged to have collected money from hawkers in the Sung Wong Toi area of Kowloon City in July and August.

The few defendants who gave evidence this morning in their defence, all denied that they had collected money as alleged.

FESTIVAL

The first defendant, Lau Ping, said he was collecting in connection with the Chinese festival equivalent to All Souls' Day in which the worshipper throws money into the street as part of the festivities.

An Ming, second defendant, said he was not in Kowloon City at the time the detective alleged he saw him collecting money.

He claimed he was working in a knitting factory in Tsun Wan for two weeks in July and after that, operated a gambling store in the Sung Wong Toi area.

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He claimed that while he was thus engaged counting and stacking coins the police, mistakenly believed he was collecting money from hawkers.

The juvenile defendant, a 16-year-old boy also denied that he was in Kowloon as alleged. He claimed he had been working in Ma On Shan mine after August 3 for about two weeks and before that he had been playing at home in Kowloon City.

The case is continuing.

The 12 defendants who came before the magistrate are:

Lau Ping, 40, Wong Shai-man, 21; Tai Sik-man, 26; Lo Wing-man, 21; and Lio Chung-wang, 21, all police constables; Lam Ping, alias Chan Pin, 23; Or Ming, alias Lie Kwai, 17, Lau

Ping, 20; Wong Wai-lam, alias Wo Shung, 26; Nick Ping, alias Pang Shung, 26; Chan Cheung, 48 and 18-year-old juvenile.

Mr. G. Jenkins, Supt. of Police attached to the Anti-Corruption Bureau, prosecuted.

